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HINDU MAHASABHA REJECTS CRIPPS PLAN

Need For Radical Revision

"VICIOUS PROCEDURE" ON MINORITY PROBLEM

Objections To Proposals Set Forth In Memorandum

NEW DELHI, April 1.

The Hindu Mahasabha has rejected the Cripps scheme.

The Working Committee of the Hindu Mahasabha in a lengthy memorandum says that there are several points in the Cripps declaration which are more or less satisfactory, but "according to the statement unfortunately made by Sir Stafford Cripps, His Majesty's Government's scheme is to be accepted or rejected in toto. As some essential features of the scheme are wholly or partially unacceptable to us the Hindu Mahasabha has no other alternative but to reject the scheme.

MAHASABHA MEMORANDUM

The Working Committee of the Hindu Mahasabha in a memorandum on Sir Stafford Cripps' proposals says:—

"There are several points in the declaration which are more or less satisfactory, but, according to the statement unfortunately made by Sir Stafford Cripps, the scheme of His Majesty's Government is to be accepted or rejected in toto. As some essential features of the scheme are wholly or partially unacceptable to us, the Hindu Mahasabha has no other alternative but to reject the scheme.

INDIVISIBLE INDIA

"One of the cardinal points in the scheme which Sir Stafford Cripps has put forward on behalf of the War Cabinet is the right which has been conferred on the Provinces of British India to keep out of the Indian Union or Federation. The basic principle of the Hindu Mahasabha is that India is one and indivisible. In religious and cultural aspect there has been recognised the fundamental unity of India by the Hindus throughout the ages, and even unity in political sphere was an accomplished fact in many periods of this country's history. Even during some two centuries of British rule, the political unity of India has been recognised and fostered and this has always been claimed by Britain herself as her finest achievement.

Besides, India has been treated as one political and constitutional unit under the Constitution Act of 1935. The right to step out of the Indian Federation will stimulate communal and sectional animosities. The other option given to the non-acceding provinces to set up a rival Pakistan-Federation constitutes, in view of such Muslim movements as 'Pakistan' and 'Pathanistan' involving threats of joining hands with Afghanistan and other Muslim nations, a serious menace to India's security and unity, and this may lead to civil war in the country. The Hindu Mahasabha cannot be true to itself and to the best interests of Hindustan (India) if it is a party to any proposal which involves the political partition of India in any shape or form.

The Hindu Mahasabha, therefore, has fundamental objections to the proposals.

The right of non-accession of any province to the "Indian Union" cannot be justified on the principle of self-determination, and no such right can be imposed by any outside authority. India has already been one Unitary State, and the existing provinces are constituted as administrative units. The analogy of sovereign States entering into a Federation and surrendering portion of their sovereignty for certain common purposes cannot apply to Indian provinces.

MINORITY PROBLEM

"According to the scheme of Sir Stafford Cripps, a Treaty will be signed between His Majesty's Government and the Constituent Assembly, and such Treaty will implement the undertakings given by His Majesty's Government for the protection of racial and religious minorities. In the framing of this Treaty all parties and sections will have an effective say. Such a Treaty ought to completely satisfy the minorities. If, however, any minority is not satisfied with the safeguards in the proposed Constitution, then the question of such safeguards can be referred to the Tribunal of Arbitration to be appointed by the Constituent Assembly in consultation with disputing parties. We want to take our stand on justice and fairplay, and we do not ask for any rights or privileges which we are not prepared to extend to any community.

REAL QUESTION

"The Hindu Mahasabha is not so much concerned with a declaration as to the future, but the real question is whether England is willing to transfer immediately real political power to India and, if so, to what extent. It notes with regret that the scheme which Sir Stafford Cripps has announced is nebulous, vague and unsatisfactory with regard to the interim arrangements. The Government of India Act of 1935 still maintains the bureaucracy in power with the Governor-General and the Governors as their powerful protagonists. But for successful prosecution of the war it is essential to transfer real power to Indian hands and to set up conventions whereby Indian Ministers can formulate and execute a policy of national defence, including the formation of National Militia and the arming of the Indian people for the defence of the country.

"It has been the demand of the Hindu Mahasabha that India should be immediately declared an Independent Nation with free and equal status in the Indo-British Commonwealth. The declaration promises full national sovereignty in the future, but the constitutional position and status of India during the interim period have not been made at all clear.

DEFENCE OF INDIA

"Particularly in regard to defence, the scheme of His Majesty's Government is unacceptable to us. It is urgent and imperative that if India is to be an effective partner in the struggle for freedom, her defence policy must be determined and her defence arrangements must be made on the responsibility of her own Defence Minister enjoying the confidence of all sections of the people. The tragic experience of Malaya and Burma have demonstrated that, apart from the deplorable failure of military strategy, the apathy and hostility of the people who were deliberately kept unarmed, contributed to the British reverses. The psychology necessary for full and willing co-operation in the present war amongst the Indian people cannot be created unless and until the Defence of India is put in Indian hands.

CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY

"We note with satisfaction that this scheme provides for a Constitution-making Body for framing the future Constitution of India, and that the Constituent Assembly may begin its work with the declaration of India's independence. But the principle on which it will be constituted is vicious. The Constituting-making Body will be elected on the basis of Communal Award which is not only anti-national, but runs counter to the essential principles of democracy.

"Unless and until the scheme of His Majesty's Government is radically altered and readjusted on the vital issues mentioned above, the Hindu Mahasabha cannot be a party to the acceptance inasmuch as the scheme is to be accepted or rejected in toto."—A. P.

NATIONALIST PARTY TOO REJECTS IT

NEW DELHI, April 1.

The Nationalist Party in the Central Legislature in a statement to the Press on the British War Cabinet's proposals says that it is definitely of the opinion that Sir Stafford Cripps' proposals not only fall far short of the requirements of the situation in many respects, but are full of dangerous implications as to the future of the country. It is convinced, therefore, that the only course open to Indian nationalists in these circumstances is to reject these proposals.—A. P.

NAZI BAIT TO TURKEY

Middle East Leadership And Territorial Gains After The War

OPEN DARDANELLES

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, April 1.

It is reliably understood that Von Papen is taking to Ankara the following terms:—

(1) Turkey to co-operate with the new European Order;

(2) Turkey to reinterpret her neutrality in a sense favourable to the Axis instead of to Britain. But she will not be asked to formally denounce the Anglo-Turkish alliance;

(3) The Dardanelles will be opened to passage of battleships of both the belligerents with the understanding that no battle by land, sea or air would be fought over Turkish sovereign territory.

In return Germany promises not to invade Turkey, to secure for her territorial gains in post-war European settlement—some Greek islands and Greek territory on the mainland.

The leadership of the Middle East would be entrusted to Turkey.

PORTUGAL'S FEARS

WASHINGTON, April 1.

The Acting Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, to-day intimated that a Nazi drive against Portugal was not beyond the realm of possibility this spring.

Asked whether he had any comment to make on the Lisbon reports that the Portuguese Government and people feared a Nazi attack, Mr. Welles said that he could answer only in general terms, but any European people who were independent must be naturally apprehensive in the light of the happenings during the past two and a half years.—Reuter.

ECHO OF ANKARA BOMB OUTRAGE

ANKARA, April 1.

The trial of four men charged with taking part in the bomb outrage on February 24 in which Von Papen the German Ambassador was concerned opened here to-day.

The bomb exploded some 18 yards away from the German Ambassador and his wife as they were walking along Boulevard Ataturk. They were thrown to the ground by the blast but were unhurt.

The accused—two Soviet subjects and two Turks—are Leonid Karnilov described as Transport Councillor to the Soviet Commercial Delegation at Istanbul: Gorgi Pavlov a Soviet subject: Sulleyman Sagol, a Turkish barber who practised both here and in Istanbul and Abdur Rahman Sayman a first-year Medical student at the Istanbul University.—Reuter.

LONDON:—The establishment of a Chair for Race and Law at the University of Jena is announced by the German radio which claims it to be the first of its kind.—Reuter.

Spring 'Putsch' Preparations

German Eyes On Caucasus: Red Attack On Kharkov: Crimea Tank Battle

LONDON, April 1.

There is little doubt that the Germans are collecting craft and supplies at the Black Sea ports of Verna and Constanza, but whether they will ever get them across the Black Sea is doubtful.

Nazi Eyes On Caucasus

While Russia holds Sebastopol and the Russian Black Sea Fleet remains in being there is little chance of seaborne attempts to land German forces east or south-east of the Black Sea succeeding, it is stated in authoritative circles in London today.

Germany undoubtedly wants to get to Batum and the Caucasus, but the sea route is controlled by the Black Sea Fleet and submarines have been operating very effectively on coastal routes from Balkan sea ports to Odessa.

The Russian Black Sea Fleet is making a very powerful contribution towards Russian victory. Its control has been continuous during the Soviet counter-offensive in the south and its movements had greatly relieved the position at Sebastopol.

German Tank Division Routed In Crimea

MOSCOW, April 1.

The Russians have routed in the Crimea the Twenty-Second German Tank Division which rushed from France to retrieve the defeat of other Nazi forces.

A Soviet frontline dispatch giving this news to-day says that the division was a part of the reserves which Hitler was keeping for the spring offensive.

More than 50 German tanks, out of a total of 100 thrown into action, were destroyed in a single day's fighting.

Eight other tanks were captured by the Russians in running order. The Twenty-Second Tank Division was transferred to the Crimea after the Soviet forces had destroyed the Eighteenth Tank Division and the 170th and the 46th Infantry Divisions.

Prisoners taken by Russians included many non-German conscripts, the Soviet report adds.

The destruction of six bridges by Guerrillas in the Smolensk region is reported in a supplement to the Soviet midday communique. This detachment also blew up several kilometres of railway track used by the Germans for bringing up supplies and reinforcements.

The supplement also says: "A Red Army unit operating on the Kalinin Front successfully repelled an enemy counter-attack. In the pursuit of the enemy which followed our troops inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. More than 350 killed in officers and men remained on the battle-field. War material captured included ten guns, seven machineguns, 20,000 rounds of ammunition, 5,000 shells and many rifles and automatic rifles."

Reds Launch Fierce Attack In Kharkov

VICHY, April 1.

Soviet armoured forces have launched an offensive from three directions—north, south and east—in the Kharkov region said a Bucharest report last night.

The offensive followed artillery preparation lasting till midnight, last night The chief pressure is being exercised on the flanks where the main Soviet forces were concentrated for an encircling movement.

North of the town fighting is again going on between the upper course of the Kharkov river which is still frozen and the railway towards Bielgordod.

In this area the Russians are pushing south-west making thrusts towards the rear of the town to cut the Germans' last communications.

POWERFUL GERMAN DEFENCE

A report claims that though the Russians are numerically superior they have not so far made any appreciable advance.

South of Kharkov fighting is going on in the same narrow stretch of country as during the last four weeks, German defences here are described as much more powerful. Violent engagements of a local character have taken place in the Taganrog region, the report continues.

Fighting east of Stalino seems to have lost some of its intensity perhaps because of the weather having again become very misty and cold. The correspondent believes that many ships have arrived at Sebastopol in the last few days loaded with material and troops to strengthen the Soviet garrison.

16th ARMY'S PLIGHT

The Germans, operating on the north-western front, are making desperate efforts to approach the surrounded Sixteenth Army, says the Moscow radio.

They have concentrated for this purpose many reserves destined for their spring offensive and with infantry, tanks and artillery and air force began violent counter-attacks.

In spite of the numerical superiority of the enemy these counter-attacks were beaten back with heavy losses for the Germans.

In single engagements the Germans left on the battlefields more than 300 killed officers and men and four wrecked tanks; they had to return to their original positions.

Nazis Look To Another Winter Campaign

LONDON: Germany needs 420,000 pairs of skis from Norway before September, 1942 says the Norwegian Telegraph Agency. They have instructed all Norwegian forestry organisations to let them have the quantity of timber each district can deliver. This order, it is interpreted to mean that Germany realises the inevitability of another winter campaign in Russia.

OFFENSIVE BATTLES CONTINUE

LONDON, April 1.

Stubborn offensive battles are proceeding on a number of sectors of the western front states the Moscow radio broadcasting from the front. Soviet troops, breaking the enemy pockets of resistance, are annihilating his man-power and equipment. Several inhabited localities have been occupied. In the fighting for the village 'G' about one battalion of enemy infantry was wiped out.—Reuter.

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AXIS RADIO ON SUBHAS BOSE

Berlin Press Accuses Br. News Sources For Circulating Report!

LONDON, April 1.

Axis Radio sources were today actively denying the report originally published by a French Radio quoting a Tokio despatch that the Indian Nationalist Leader, Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose, lost his life in an aeroplane accident off the coast of Japan.

The original report was broadcast by the Lyons Radio in Vichy territory and subsequently repeated by the German-controlled Paris radio.

In this connection Reuter indicated at the time that the German official news agency while announcing the aeroplane accident did not list Mr. Bose among the victims.

The German press has now carried the affair a stage further. According to a Rome broadcast to-day, Berlin newspapers unite in accusing British news sources of circulating the original report. All evidence goes to show that the first news came from sources under German control or influence.—Reuter.

Nazi Agents In Mexico Detained

MEXICO CITY, April 1.

The police have detained four alleged important Nazi agents in Mexico to-day. One of the men held is George Nikolaus suspected of directing Nazi activities in Mexico and the others are alleged to be acting as his agents.—Reuter.

Roosevelt To Confer With Bajpai

WASHINGTON, April 1.

President Roosevelt is having a long conference this Wednesday morning with the newly created Pacific War Council. He has planned to confer this afternoon with the Indian Agent General Sir G. S. Bajpai who last conferred with the President on March 11.

Azad To Face Cripps With Congress Reply

THREE-POINT OBJECTION TO PROPOSALS

Sapru Intervenes: Search For Agreed Formula Again

NEW DELHI, April 1.

"The Working Committee unanimously reached a final decision, and now the stage of drafting resolution has been reached", said Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President, to Pressmen.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad said that he is meeting Sir Stafford Cripps to-morrow at 4-30 in the evening.

PROLONGED SITTING

The Congress Working Committee rose at 7-30 p.m. after four and a half hours' sitting

Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya has been nominated a member of the Working Committee in place of the late Seth Jamnalal Bajaj.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel has been appointed as Treasurer.

AZAD-CRIPPS CORRESPONDENCE

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, April 1.

The position remains unchanged at the end of to-day's discussions in the Congress Working Committee. Contrary to expectations the Committee is expected to sit for two or three days more, as correspondence is still going on between Maulana Azad and Sir Stafford Cripps. The Congress President is believed to have written to Sir Stafford explaining the Congress objections,—particularly three main points viz.

Veiled encouragement to 'Pakistan' scheme.

Disregard of the claims of the States people, and

Reservation of defence.

Sir Stafford Cripps is reported to be in cabled correspondence with the War Cabinet on the points raised by the Congress, but little hope is entertained of a satisfactory result.

Intermediaries are busy seeking a compromise formula on the defence question which, while maintaining the position of the Commander-in-Chief as the head of the forces will give the Central Cabinet certain general powers on basis of joint responsibility. For this reason Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru is understood to have requested the Congress not to pass the resolution rejecting the offer until Sir Stafford Cripps has given a final answer.

Opinion in lobby circles is that the War Office is not likely to yield on this point.

Opposition to Sir Stafford Cripps scheme on various grounds by Mahatma Gandhi was the main feature of to-day's discussions.

Mr. Jinnah is reported to have advised the League Working Committee to await the Congress decision before defining their attitude.

Congress Gesture

The Congress resolution is expected to be issued only to-morrow. The position as revealed to-day shows that unless the cabled consultations now proceeding between New Delhi and White Hall result in some swift changes in the Cabinet formula, Sir S. Cripps will be faced with failure in his mission. Congress leaders have already begun drafting the resolution explaining their objections to the scheme.

Sir Stafford Cripps is reported to be making a last-minute attempt to save the scheme, but it looks as if he will have to return to England to have further discussions with the Cabinet.

For this reason the Congress Working Committee is expected to be friendly in tone in the resolution and try to strengthen Sir Stafford's hands by showing how the scheme should be modified.

CONGRESS DECISION

NEW DELHI, April 1.

When Maulana Azad calls on Sir Stafford Cripps to-morrow evening, it is understood he will personally hand over the Working Committee's resolution setting forth reasons for opposing the scheme. The text of the resolution is expected to be published later to-morrow.

FATEFUL INTERVIEW TO-DAY

NEW DELHI, April 1.

Another important meeting between Sir Stafford Cripps, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru is expected tomorrow evening, the "United Press" learns. This will be the crucial talks and it is understood will relate to the unanimous demand for transfer of Defence portfolio to Indian hands.

It is even possible that General Wavell may attend the informal meeting between Sir Stafford Cripps and the Congress leaders.

The "United Press" learns that Mahatma Gandhi has postponed his departure by another three days.

AIR RAID ON GIBRALTAR

LONDON, April 1.

The Gibraltar rock had its first air raid since July, 1941 early this morning.

A small number of enemy aircraft dropped a number of bombs There was no damage and no casualties.—Reuter.

Enemy Planes Over English Coast

LONDON, April 1.

An Air Ministry communique on Tuesday states. "Few enemy aircraft flew over the north-west coast of England this afternoon. At one place bombs were dropped close to the shore and then there was an attack with machine-gun. No one was injured."—Reuter.

ALL-DAY RAIDS ON MALTA

MALTA, March 31.

Air raids on Malta continued practically throughout on Tuesday and are still in progress this evening. This follows six air raid alerts last night.

The majority of raids have been only of the "Tip and run" variety with single German aircraft dropping bombs at random through the clouds and using cloud cover in order to avoid British barrage and British fighters.

A communique announces only slight civilian damage resulted from all these efforts though a few persons were killed and others injured.

Anti-aircraft guns were frequently in action while R.A.F. fighters went up several times but only one inconclusive combat occurred in the clouds between a hurricane and a Messerschmitt of the 109 type.—Reuter.

Cripps Take Evening Off

NEW DELHI, April 1.

For the first time since his arrival here last week Sir Stafford Cripps took an evening off and went to the Viceroy's House for a swimming bath.—A. P.

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J. M. MEHTA,
Vidyadhikari.

1st April, 1942
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These supplies are to be completed within 3 months of the date of order.

Tender forms can be had from the office of Director-General, Indian Medical Service, New Delhi. The price for each tender form is Rs 2/- and is not refundable and the forms are not transferable. Payment should be made in cash or by money order to the Director General, Indian Medical Service. Tender number and remitter's full address should be stated on the coupon. Tenders will be received up to 4 P.M. on 20th April, 1942.

(7892)

LOSS OF BOND WARRANT

THE UNDERNOTED BOND WARRANT has been LOST or MISPLACED and an application has been made to The Manager, Bombay Port Trust Docks for the issue of a Duplicate Bond Warrant No. 8247 of 27-2-42 issued in favour of Messrs. A. H. Bhiwandiwalla & Co. and transferred to us relative to Bond No. 3837 of 18-2-42 for 251 bags Java Sugar ex S. S. Berakite stored in No. 1 Bonded Warehouse, Princes Dock, marked

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DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY BOMBAY INSPECTION CIRCLE

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MUSLIM CLERKS, STENO-TYPISTS and TYPISTS on Rs. 50/- plus Rs. 15/- Stenography allowance. Qualifications Matriculation Previous office experience preferred. Age limit 30 years. Applications in own handwriting stating educational qualifications, previous experience, province or origin should be submitted to this Office AT ONCE.

THE CONTROLLER OF INSPECTION,
Ahmedabad House, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

7913

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY BOMBAY INSPECTION CIRCLE

WANTED

GIRLS—TELEPHONE OPERATORS—to work on a switchboard having seven main lines and about 30 extensions. Education upto Matriculation and knowledge of Hindustani and other Indian languages i.e. Marathi etc., will be additional qualification. Only those with previous experience may apply. Pay Rs. 50/-. Apply stating age, educational qualifications, nationality, province of origin and previous experience to:—

THE CONTROLLER OF INSPECTION,
Ahmedabad House, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SIRDAR VINAYAK DHONDIRAJ BIWALKAR, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell to our client the undermentioned property. Any person having any claim or interest in or to the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, lease, lien, charge, possession, trust, gift, inheritance, maintenance, easement, or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office in Fort Chambers, Hamum Street, Fort, Bombay, within fourteen days from the publication hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece or parcel of land or ground of the Pension and Tax Tenure situate, lying and being at Girgaum Back Road, now called Vithalbhai Patel Road, without the Fort in the Island and Registration Sub-district of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 5559 Square Yards or thereabouts forming part of a larger piece of land bearing Collector's New Survey No. 7413 &c., and Cadastral Survey No. 631 of Girgaum Division together with the messuages, tenements or buildings standing thereon which are assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes in the D Ward under Ward Nos. 1607(part), 1602 @ 1604(1), 1604(3), 1604(2), 1605(6), 1605(5), 1604(3-4), 1606 & 1605(7) and Street Nos. 160L, 160E, 160F. 160F. 160G. 160F. 160K. 160, 160H respectively all which said premises are bounded, on or towards the North by the properties partly of Bai Tarabai Vithaldas, partly by the property of Messrs. Anandilal Poddar and Co., partly of Vaijnath Chaturbhuj and partly of Manmohandas Tribhowandas, on or towards the South partly by the boundary wall and the remaining property of the Vendor and partly by the property bearing C. S. No. 632, on or towards the East by the property of Messrs. Mulji Sikka and Co., and on or towards the West by the property formerly of Vishnu Digambar Pandit and now of Lalji Dayal.

Dated this 31st day of March, 1942.

NANU HORMUSJEE & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

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Legal Notices

IN THE COURT OF THE CIVIL JUDGE, NAINI TAL.

MISC. CIVIL CASE NO. 69/2 OF 1941.

WHEREAS MOTI LAL has applied to this Court for grant of the succession certificate in respect of the property left by the deceased Parbati Debi at Naini Tal and whereas the application will be heard and disposed off by this Court on April 22, 1942, at Naini Tal at 10-30 A.M.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to JAWAHAR LAL, PADAM SARUP C/O Petto Seth Sodawala, Cycle Merchant, Colaba, Bombay, calling upon him, if he has any interest in the property of the said deceased to come and attend the proceedings and to file an objection if there be any to the grant of the certificate to the applicant Moti Lal.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court this 27th day of March, 1942.

Seal.

CIVIL JUDGE.

(7902)

NOTICE

WITH REFERENCE to the Notice published in the "Times of India" of 26th February, 1942, under the signature of Messrs. G. A. GODAMBLE & CO., Attorneys for Mr. Narainda Karamchand, we are instructed by our client Mr. Ladharam Guranomal, Attorney of Mr. Gulabrai Virumal to state that the statements contained in the notice of 26-2-1942 are incorrect and misleading. Correct statements are given in the issue of "Times of India", dated 18-2-42. Our client is an Attorney of Mr. Gulabrai Virumal by power of Attorney, dated 19th August, 1941, and has every authority to cancel or declare as cancelled power of Attorney executed by Mr. Gulabrai Virumal in favour of Mr. Narainda Karamchand dated 31-3-1933.

TEJUMAL HASSAMAL & CO.,
19-3-1942.
Advocates.

16007

NOTICE

PRIVATE OFFERS ARE INVITED for the purchase of the undermentioned properties. The intending purchasers should submit their offers to the undersigned at their Office at Mercantile Bank Buildings, 54, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, on or before the 20th of April, 1942. The Vendors will not be bound to accept the highest or any offer.

For further particulars apply to the undersigned.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES:

1. Immoveable property at Lady Jamshedji Road, Mahim on Plot No. 186, Shivaji Park Estate, Bombay, admeasuring 650 square yards bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1900 Mahim Division and Municipal G Ward No. 4880(2) Street No. 208B.

2. Vacant piece of land at Lady Jamshedji Road, Mahim on Plot No. 188, Shivaji Park Estate, Bombay, admeasuring 821 square yards bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1/478, Mahim Division and Municipal G Ward No. 4893(2), Street No. 208A.

3. Vacant piece of Khoti land, situate at Ghatkopar, Bombay Suburban District, admeasuring 3900 sq. yds. and bearing S. No. 161, Pot No. 1 and Falni Nos. 1,2 and 6 of the Village of Ghatkopar.

4. Immoveable property at De-Lisle Road in Bombay, admeasuring 2590 sq. yds. bearing C. S. No. 1945 Byculla Division and Municipal E Ward Nos. 7219/20/21/22/23 Street Nos. 602C, 610A, 606A and 606B, 606C.

5. Immoveable property at Lady Jamshedji Road, Mahim, on Plot No. 184 Shivaji Park Estate in Bombay, admeasuring 735 sq. yds. bearing Collector's New S. Nos. 1485, 1486, (parts) Cadastral Survey No. 1898 Mahim Division and Municipal G Ward No. 4880(2) Street No. 208A.

6. Immoveable property, situate at Gopi Tank, Mahim, Bombay, admeasuring 2765 sq. yds. bearing Collector's New S. Nos. 2/1494 Cadastral Survey No. 517 Mahim Division and Municipal G Ward No. 4873(1), 4873(2), 4873(3-4) 4874/201 Street Nos. 201A, 201B, 201B, 205.

7. 5/18th share of Ebrahim Jaffer Mistry—deceased—in the immoveable property at Kazi Street, Bombay, admeasuring 103—2/9 sq. yards bearing New Survey No. 1109 and Cadastral Survey No. 2608 Bhuleshwar Division and Municipal G Ward No. 610 and Street No. 111.

8. 5/18th share of Ebrahim Jaffer Mistry, deceased, in the immoveable property at Borah Bazar, Bombay, admeasuring 52 sq. yards and bearing Collector's New Survey No. 8787, Cadastral Survey No. 917, Fort Division and Municipal A Ward No. 2289, Street No. 140(1).

Dated this 31st day of March, 1942.

PAYNE & CO.,

Attorneys for (1) Haji Rahimtulla Suleman Mistry, (2) Haji Hasham Suleman Mistry, and (3) Mistry Jusab Nurmahomed Patel, the Executors and Trustees of the Will and Codicil of Haji Ebrahim Jaffer Mistry—deceased.

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Legal Notices

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

Summary Suit No. 187 of 1942

SUNDERDAS RAJDA THAKERSEY ..... Plaintiff
vs.
KARSONDAS DWARKADAS ..... Defendant

To
KARSONDAS DWARKADAS

The Defendant abovenamed

THE PLAINTIFF has filed the above suit against you under Rule 2, of Order XXXVII of the Code of Civil Procedure 1908 for the sum of Rs. 2,500/- due under the Promissory note dated 10th May, 1941, passed by you in favour of the plaintiff with interest thereon at 8 annas per cent per mensem from 10th May, 1941, till Judgment costs and interest on Judgment at 6% per annum till payment. You are hereby summoned to cause an appearance to be entered for you within ten days from this date in default whereof the plaintiff will be entitled at any time after the expiration of such ten days to obtain a Decree for the aforesaid amount interest and costs.

Dated this 5th day of February, 1942.

Messrs. FERREIRA & VALLABHDAS,
Plaintiff's Attorneys.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

Suit No. 874 of 1940

BAI HANIFABAI JAFFERALLI FAZALBHOY and ors. ..... Plaintiffs
Versus
Bai AZIZABAI widow of Shaikh Hussein Shaikh Abbas and others ... Defendants

PURSUANT to the Decree Absolute for Sale, dated the 11th February, 1941 and judge's order, dated 19th September, 1941 and Judge's order, dated 9th January, 1942, the following immovable property will be sold by Public Auction by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at his Office in the Court House on FRIDAY, the 10th April, 1942, at 4-30 P. M. (S. T.)

PARTICULARS

All that piece of leasehold land at Dockyard Road, Mazagaon, Bombay, admeasuring 227 square yards or thereabouts and bearing a part of Collector's New Survey No. 1-2-3/3597 and Cadastral Survey No. 146 of Mazagaon Division with the dwelling house thereon bearing E Ward No. 5685 and Street No. 41.

For further particulars and conditions of Sale, application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the Office of Messrs. PEREIRA FAZALBHOY & CO., Attorneys for the Plaintiffs abovenamed at No. 45-47, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 5th day of March, 1942.

(Sd.) ARMAND F. SEQUEIRA,
Commissioner.

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THE SPORT OF THE SEASON

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IN AID OF THE

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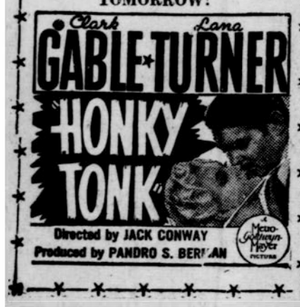

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ON THE AIR

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

4-30 p.m. For Indian Troops. 5 Ishrat Begam. 5-20 Mashuq Ali Khan of Alwar. 5-40 Hanskankni on Violin. By P. S. Mukerji. 6-20 Mushtari Begam of Ambala. 6-35 Chhoti Moti Bai of Benares. 6-55 Manohar: 7 Preet Ke Geet. 7-15 Life as I See It. 1 7-30 It has happened. 7-35 Ishrat Begam. 7-45 For villagers only. 8-30 The Axis Speaks. 8-45 Mushtari Begam of Ambala. 9-30 BBC News Relay. 9-45 Mashuq Ali Khan of Alwar. 9-55 Listening Post. 10 Chhoti Moti Bai of Benares. 10-20 Ishrat Begam. 10-35 R.R. Chowdhury.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. Vithalrao Gurav. 7-50 News in Hindustani. 8 News in English. 8-10 Ramkrishnabuwa Vaze. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati 9-10 Sundra Bai. 9-20 S. R. Arbi. 9-30 Close down.

12-30 p.m. Vocal Variety. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Vocal Variety. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch Hour Music. 2-25 Close down.

5 To-morrow. 5-5 Master Ratnakant. 5-25 Vithalrao Gurav. 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in English. 5-50 AIR Trio: Tilak-Kamod. 6-0 News in English 6-10 News in Hindustani. 6-20 Local News and Announcements (English). 6-25 Local News and Announcements (Hindustani). 6-30 Sundra Bai. 6-50 Purbi on Sitar By an Air Instrumentalist. 7 Allied Endurance 7-15 S. R. Arbi. 7-30 Vithalrao Gurav. 7-45 News Commentary (Marathi). 7-50 Bhajan: AIR Artist. 8 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-30 The Axis Speaks. 8-45 March of time. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News Commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 BBC News Relay. 9-45 Musical Interlude 9-55 Listening Post. 10 Phyllis Jeffery: 10-15 Play-House.

Bombay II—Programme

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

7-30 to 7-50 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 7-50 Tulsidas Bhajan. 8 S. R. Arbi 8-10 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 Flute Recital. 9 Sundra Bai. 9-20 to 9-30 As in Bombay 1.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

12-30 to 2-25 p.m. As in Bombay 1.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

5 to 6 As in Bombay 1. 6 Readings from Marathi Books. 6-10 Gujarati Geet. 6-20 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

7-30 Commercial News 7-45 to 8 As in Bombay 1. 8 Sundra Bai. 8-15 Master Ratnakant. 8-30 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 AIR Orchestra. 9-10 Vithal Rao Gurav. 9-25 S. R. Arbi. 9-40 Ramkrishnabuwa Vaze. 10-15 to 10-45 As in Bombay 1. 10-45 Close down.

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AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

NEW WEST END—"Doctor" 3-30 6-15 and 9 p.m.
REGAL—"Paris Calling" 4, 6-30 and 9-30
MAJESTIC—"Bharat Milap" 2-30, 5-45 and 8-15 p.m.
ROXY—"Jhoola" 2-15, 5-45 and 9 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Paisa" 3-30, 6-30 and 9 p.m.
CAPITOL—"I Wanted Wings" 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Raja-Rani" 3-30, 6-15 and 9
AURORA—"Sikandar" 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m
CHITRA—"Shadi" 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
EDWARD—"Gharki-Laj" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m
PALACE—"Billy the Kid" 4, 6-30 and 10
KRISHNA—"Apna Ghar" 3, 6 and 9 p.m.
MINERVA—"Taj Mahal" 3-30, 6-15 and 9
METRO—"They Died With Their Boots On" 3, 6-15 and 9-30 p.m.
SWASTIK—"Nirdosh" 3, 6 and 9 p.m.
BROADWAY—"Civil Marriage" 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"Naya Sansar" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Khilauna" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Pyas" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Ujala" 3, 6 and 9 p.m.
PRAKASH—"Achut Kanya" 1-45, 4, 6-45 and 9-30 p.m.

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION: The next meeting of the Corporation will be held in the Corporation Hall to-day (Thursday) at 3 p.m. (B.T.).

BOARD OF CONTROL'S MEETING: A meeting of the Board of Control of the People's Volunteer Brigade will be held to-day (Thursday) at 6-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the Headquarters of the P.V.B.

A.R.P. COMMITTEE, MATUNGA: Dr. S. K. Deshpande, M.B.B.S., will deliver a lecture on "First-Aid to the Injured" at 9 p.m. to-day in Ramnarain Ruia College.

YOGA INSTITUTE SHIFTED: The International Headquarters of the Yoga Institute of India Bombay, have been temporarily shifted to the interior at Kachholi, District Surat.

HUME PIPE WORKERS' PROTEST: The workers of the Indian Hume Pipe Co. went on a half-day protest strike on Wednesday, to protest against the dismissal of Mr. Dasharath Mishra, a Secretary of their Union.

The workshop had to be closed as no worker turned up.

POSTAL HOLIDAY: Friday, the 3rd April will be a Post Office Holiday on account of Good Friday.

All the Departments of the Bombay G. P. O. and the Town Sub-Offices including the Telegraph Branches will observe on that day the same working hours as on Sundays.

PUBLIC MEETING AT PIMPAL MAI DAN: Under the auspices of the P.V.B. a public meeting will be held on Friday, the 3rd instant at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the Pimpal Maidan, Fergusson Road. Speakers include Sjt. S. K. Patil, R. A. Khedgikar and others.

TAGORE SOCIETY: A meeting of the Tagore Society will be held at 6 p.m. to-day (Thursday) at Room No. 12, (First Floor), Yusuf Building, opposite Flora Fountain, Bombay, to appoint a Sub-Committee to draft the constitution and future programme of the Society.

BOMBAY SHROFFS' ASSOCIATION: To meet Sir Chunilal B. Mehta, a garden party is arranged by the members of the Board of the Bombay Shroffs' Association Ltd. to-day (Thursday) at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.) at Vanita Vishram Gardens, Sandhurst Road.

'SOVIET AND CHINA DAY': To celebrate the 'Soviet and China Day' according to the programme of the People's War Week on 2nd April, a public meeting of the citizens of Bombay will be held at the Blavatsky Lodge at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.) under the presidentship of Mr. K. T. Chandi, Bar-at-Law.

The Chinese Consul in Bombay is invited to attend. Throughout the day volunteers will sell 'Soviet and Chinese' flags.

BOMBAY'S WATER POLO QUADRANGULAR: Bombay's 8th Quadrangular Water Polo Tournament which will be played at the Back Bay Baths will begin on next Thursday (9th instant) at 6 p.m. The Golvala Parsi Team and a representative European Side will meet for the final, as the Hindus and the Zionists are unable to send their respective teams.

His Highness Maharana Shree Vijayadevji of Dharampur has consented to be present and give away the Golvala Trophy and the medals to the winning team.

The Managing Committee of the Tournament has decided to hand over the net proceeds to the Singapore Evacuees Fund.

RADIO PROGRAMME CHANGES: All-India Radio, Bombay will broadcast their evening English and Hindustani News Bulletins on both wavelength. All the items scheduled to be broadcast on shortwave during these timings should henceforth be taken as cancelled. News in English at 6 p.m. will be followed by a topical feature entitled "Counter Attack" at 6-10 p.m. and News in Hindustani will be broadcast from 6-15 p.m. to 6-25 p.m.

PRESS CHANGE: All-India Radio, Bombay will relay every day until further notice the B.B.C. War Commentary at 9-45 p.m. (Indian Standard Time). All the items scheduled to be broadcast at that time every day are now cancelled.

Mr. Motichand G. Kapadia, newly elected Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Bombay Municipal Corporation.

B.S.C. (TECH.) EXAMINATION RESULTS

PASSED WITH DISTINCTION: Nos. 1, 3, 5, 6.

PASS Nos. 2, 4, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21.

Results of candidates Nos. 15 and 20 are reserved.

The Byramji Ratanji Lentin Technological Scholarship has been awarded to No. 6.

The award of the Amelia wife of Dr. A. G. Viegas Scholarship will be announced later.

The following candidates have passed the Examination:—

PASS No. 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22.

THIRD KONKANI CONFERENCE

The Third Konkani Conference will be held in Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall on Saturday and on Sunday (April 5) under the presidentship of Prof. Armando Menezes of the Karnatak College, Dharwar.

The Conference will meet on Saturday (April 4) from 3 to 8-30 p.m when the speeches of Mr. W. R. Varde Valavalikar, Chairman of the Reception Committee, and Prof. A. M. Menezes, President of the Conference, will be delivered, after which the Subjects Committee will meet to draft the resolutions.

On Sunday (April 5) the Conference will sit from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and again from 3 to 8-30 p.m., when, besides the discussion of the resolutions, reading of Konkani essays, recital of Konkani songs and performance of a Konkani comedy will take place.

Student Unions' Disclaimer

Messrs. Abdul Sattar Parekh, General Secretary, Bombay Presidency Students' Federation, Lalu Shah, Jt. Secretary, All-India Students' Federation, P. M. Joshi, General Secretary, Fort Students' Union and Manu Patel, Secretary, Bombay Students' Union and Natver Ghody, Secretary of Suburban Bombay Students' Union write:—

It is reported in newspapers that some student organisations along with Trade Unions are observing "People's War Week" in the first week of April. We beg to inform the public that our organisations which are the representative organisations of the students have nothing to do with the observance of this week.

Articled Clerks' Examination Results

The following are the names of the successful candidates in the Examination of Articled Clerks for the Solicitors' profession, held by the Bombay Incorporated Law Society in March last, viz.:—1. Shavaksha Ratanshaw Vakil, 2. Pranjivan Harishanker Shukla, 3. Navroz Behram Vakil, 4. Jivabhai Jodhabhai Kargatia, 5. Sarosh Minocheher Ardeshir Vakil.

Naval Firing Exercises Off Bombay

Naval Firing exercises will be held off Bombay on the morning of Thursday April 2. The firing is purely as practice, and there is no need for public alarm.—A. P.

Governor To Address Bengal Assembly

CALCUTTA, April 1.

The Bengal Secondary Education Bill, 1942, was introduced in the Bengal Legislative Assembly to-day by the Education Minister, Khan Bahadur Abdul Karim, who also moved for reference of the bill to a Select Committee with instructions to submit their report by July 31 next.

After a debate lasting for about two hours and a half, the House adjourned till to-morrow, when His Excellency the Governor of Bengal will address the members of the House.

A.-I. 'Forward Bloc'

NAGPUR, April 1.

The venue of the next meeting of the Working Committee and General Council of the All-India Forward Bloc has been changed from Delhi to Bombay, says Mr. R. S. Ruikar, President of the All-India Forward Bloc in a statement. The dates of the meeting remain unchanged, namely, from 4th to 6th April.—A. P.

BOMBAY ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE: While the last Literacy Week was a very good success so far as the propaganda was concerned, the financial side of it is also quite encouraging, as it brought more than Rs. 4,500 to the Committee's Literacy Fund. Though this amount falls short of the last year's receipts by about Rs. 1,000 it is not quite disappointing taking into consideration all the handicaps under which the Literacy Week was held. The Adult Education Committee appreciates and is grateful to the wholehearted co-operation of a number of institutions and individuals without which the Week could not have been as much a success as it was.

STUDENTS' COMMITTEE'S MEETING: A meeting of the Students' Committee of the People's Volunteer Brigade will be held on Friday, the 3rd instant at 6-30 p.m. (S.T.), at the Office of the P.V.B. (Jinnah Hall). Members of the Committee and other students willing to work for the P.V.B. are requested to attend this meeting without fail.

Sjt. Asoka Mehta, G.O.C., P.V.B., will attend and address the meeting.

PARSI EXHIBITION: The Parsi Exhibition of indigenous household articles mill cloth, etc., is continued to-day (Thursday) and will last till to-morrow (Friday) which is the last day. This is unique opportunity for poor and middle-class Parsis to buy articles offered for sale at cheap prices. It is open for the whole day at Gresham Buildings opposite Flora Fountain, Fort.

CAUSE OF ACTION ON CONTRACT OF INDEMNITY

(Before the Hon. Mr. Justice Chagla.)

G. M. Parelkar ..... Plaintiff.

Versus

M. M. Mantri ..... Defendant.

This was a suit to enforce an indemnity. In 1934, the plaintiff entered into an agreement with the Bombay Municipality for the lease of a plot in the Dadar-Matunga estate for 999 years and obtained possession of the plot. The plaintiff then transferred the benefit of that agreement and his interest in the plot to the defendant who commenced to erect a building on it. The defendant had not sufficient moneys and one Keshavdas Mohandas who supplied the building materials pressed for payment of an amount exceeding Rs. 5,000 due to him. Thereupon on 14th January, 1937 the plaintiff at the defendant's request mortgaged that property to Keshavdas Mohandas to secure repayment of Rs 5,000 and on 23rd March, 1937, a further charge in favour of Keshavdas Mohandas for Rs. 5,000 more. The plaintiff alleged that the defendant was liable to indemnify the plaintiff in respect of all liability under the Deed of Mortgage and under the Deed of Further Charge as in the event of the property being sold by the mortgagee and the sale proceeds not being sufficient to pay the mortgage amounts, the plaintiff would be personally liable to the mortgagee Keshavdas for the deficit and prayed that the defendant should be ordered to procure a release of the plaintiff from his liability which he had failed to do in spite of repeated demands by the plaintiff. The plaintiff also prayed for a declaration that the plaintiff is entitled to be indemnified and that the defendant be ordered to indemnify him, as well as for an order to pay the amount into Court.

JUDGMENT

His Lordship held that Sections 124 and 125 of the Indian Contract Act which define a contract of indemnity as one by which "one party promises to save the other from loss caused to him" are not exhaustive of the law of indemnity. Considering the decision of this High Court in the case of Shankar v. Laxman (42 Bom. L.R. 175) which laid down that under a contract of indemnity the cause of action arose when the damage which the indemnity was intended to cover was suffered, and that a suit brought before the actual loss accrued was premature, his Lordship distinguished that case on the ground of its peculiar facts whereby the liability under the contract of indemnity was only for the deficit while in the present case the liability of the plaintiff on the personal covenant in the Mortgage Deed was immediate and absolute notwithstanding speculative considerations arising from Section 68(2) of the Transfer of Property Act under which Courts "may" stay such a suit until all remedies against the mortgaged property had been exhausted. In his Lordship's opinion the facts of that case did not require a statement of law so general in terms. His Lordship preferred to follow the decision of the Calcutta High Court in Osman Jamal and Sons Ltd. v. Gopal (56 Cal. 262) which was a considered decision in preference to a later decision of that High Court in Chand Bibi v. Santosh Kumar (60 Cal. 761). His Lordship observed that by the Common Law of England no cause of action arose till loss had actually been suffered but this state of law had since been superseded in England by the intervention of Courts of Equity His Lordship therefore decreed the plaintiff's suit with costs.

Mr. K. A. Somjee with Sir Jamshedji Kanga, instructed by Messrs. Fereira and Vallabhdas appeared for the plaintiff.

Mr. S. R. Tendolkar with Mr. Y. B. Rege instructed by Messrs. M. N. Manker and Co. appeared for the defendant.

CALCUTTA.—Government have urged the public to get themselves vaccinated or inoculated as precaution against the outbreak of cholera, typhoid and other epidemics owing to the influx of refugees.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

THE INDIAN LIFE ASSURANCE OFFICES ASSOCIATION BEG TO ANNOUNCE ON BEHALF OF THEIR FOLLOWING MEMBER COMPANIES THAT POLICIES ISSUED BY THEM COVER RISKS OF DEATH BY ENEMY ACTION IN THE CASE OF ALL CIVILIAN POLICYHOLDERS RESIDING IN INDIA AND THAT NO WAR RISK EXTRA IS PAYABLE BY THEM. NO EXTRA PREMIUM IS ALSO CHARGED TO CIVILIAN POLICYHOLDERS JOINING A.R.P. AND ALLIED SERVICES IN INDIA AND THAT THEY ARE FULLY COVERED AGAINST RISK OF DEATH BY ENEMY ACTION.

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ESSENTIAL CHANGES

That both the major political parties in India have so far not expressed their opinion about Sir Stafford Cripps' proposals is clearly indicative of a deadlock and of attempts still being made to resolve it. It is by now an open secret that the Congress opposes certain features of the proposed Constituent Assembly which, in the words of Mr. Fenner Brockway open a prospect of "Ulsters scattered on the body of India." The Hindu Mahasabha, the Sikhs and the Liberals and several other organisations also oppose these features. However, it is felt by many that the proposals about the Constituent Assembly are capable of being modified in the light of public criticism, particularly if a settlement is possible on the immediate changes in the Central Government. Indian leaders are, therefore, most exercised about these changes, if only because they vitally affect the conduct of the war.

United Demand

In this connection it needs to be reiterated that all the important political parties are agreed on the demand for a National Government. Even the Non-Party Conference held at Delhi in February unanimously adopted a resolution demanding that "during the period of the war the Governor-General's Executive Council shall be reconstructed as a truly National Government functioning on the basis of joint and collective responsibility and consisting entirely of non-officials enjoying public confidence and in charge of all portfolios, subject to responsibility to the Crown and in regard to defence without prejudice to the position of the Commander-in-Chief as the executive head of the Defence forces." We have often been told that only lack of agreement among Indian parties about any demand prevents its being conceded. But with regard to the immediate reconstruction of the Central Government there is substantial unanimity in India. Yet we are told that this is a special responsibility of the Viceroy and nobody else can meddle with it. Surely, such an attitude is ill calculated to help a settlement. War is no argument for postponing reconstruction. It is rather a potent argument for hastening reconstrucion on national lines.

Defence Under Indian Control

Naturally the most important item in the reconstruction is Defence and all parties are keen on its being in charge of a popular Indian leader. And the demand is made on the ground that under an India Defence Minister the Department will be far more efficient than it has proved to be so far. Moving the resolution of the Non-Party Conference quoted above, Dr. M. R. Jayakar, who is certainly not an uncharitable critic of Government, made certain remarks which deserve to be quoted. Referring to the surrender of Singapore, he said:

"We have the surrendering Commander's testimony that there was no food, no water, and no munitions—a case of three 'no's'. What guarantee does the Government of India give to the people of this country that these three "no's" would not be repeated in India, if the occasion arose? We do not want the Malayan state of affairs to be repeated here. I say, with all the responsibility of my words, that the Government has proved itself utterly incompetent to conduct a big war like this without the co-operation of the people. We, therefore, tell the Government: 'Move aside we shall take charge of the conduct of our defence before it is too late'."

Referring to the same point in his presidential address Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru explained why an Indian Defence Minister is indispensable at the present juncture. He said:

"The fact of the matter is that under the present system you may collect money, you may enlist men in the army but you do not touch the pride of the country or evoke that enthusiasm for common service or those sentiments of national pride or that sense of concern for the safety of the freedom of the country which can only be created when the country knows that the men at top are its own men."

It is, therefore, quite natural that Sir Tej Bahadur and Dr Jayakar, though they think "it would be a tragedy if Sir Stafford Cripps' mission failed," insist never-the-less that "Indian opinion cannot look upon any transfer of power as real unless the Government of India is so constituted as to give an effective share to the country in the management of its defence and thus to increase immensely and without delay, the military strength of the country to defeat the threatened aggression." We agree that a failure of the mission will be a tragedy and share these leaders' hope that a satisfactory formula will be devised in respect of the Defence portfolio before it is too late. There should no longer be any distrust of Indians. It is true, as the "Washington Post" says, that "defence is no longer an Indian problem." It has to be related to the common war effort of the United Nations. But there is no reason why India should not, in this matter, be placed on the same footing as any of the Dominions, for instance. Proofs and assurances of whole-hearted co-operation, such as the Australian Premier has given that neither the Australian Government nor Parliament would interfere in the military direction of the war, will not be lacking from an Indian Cabinet. It is clear that Sir Stafford's hands are completely tied in respect of the immediate reconstruction of the Central Government. The "Statesman" rightly warns Britain that "success will elude Sir Stafford unless he is empowered to use very different language, accompanied by striking changes that will make it clear that the old regime is ended and new men and new methods are at work." The old regime must change.

A German Failure

The Admiralty reports an interesting action which took place on Sunday last when German surface craft and U-boats attempted to intercept an Anglo-American convoy. As a naval engagement it was quite successful because Allied forces sank one destroyer, damaged another and possibly sank three U-boats without losing any warship of their own. The communique does not say anything about the convoy itself, but let us hope that it got across safely and intact. The incident is significant in that it indicates the beginning of a German naval campaign for blockading Russia. The Germans realise the vital importance of the Russian front. We trust the Allies also do so. Lord Beaverbrook did not exaggerate when, broadcasting to Canada, he described the Russian front as the battlefield of the world and added. "There my heart is fixed and there my hopes are centred, there news is being made—news that will determine the future of every race."

Lord Beaverbrook has in those words of his offered a true measure of what the world and, particularly Britain and America, owe to Russia. But the obligation has to be discharged quickly. The Soviet Army's winter counter-offensive did not achieve that decisive success which was expected of it not only because of Germany's determined and costly resistance but also because Russia did not receive the full assistance that was promised to her. It is still not quite impossible for her to bring off a few decisive victories before the spring. Latest reports suggests that in certain sectors the battle has reached its climax with both sides putting in their maximum available strength and that Marshal Timoshenko is being particularly aggressive. But whether or no this battle goes well, the vital struggle will come when Herr Hitler launches, as he must, his spring offensive. If in that struggle Russia were to suffer for lack of Anglo-American assistance it would, indeed be a tragedy.

Middle East Strength

It is now clear from Mr. Curtin's recent statements that the Australian Imperial Force serving in the Middle East has been withdrawn to Australia almost in bulk and that what is left in General Auchinleck's Ninth Army is not much more substantial than a token force. While this withdrawal indubitably stiffens the Allied Army of General MacArthur it is equally certainly a loss to General Auchinleck, especially in view of the fact that General Smuts does not plan to reinforce his two divisions in the Western Desert. There are, however, compensations also. A Polish force of 25,000 arrived from Russia sometime ago and must now be fully equipped and ready. General Auchinleck has also had time to organise and train a large force of Greeks and Yugo-Slavs in addition to Free French troops who are already in action in the Western Desert. He also might have received Indian reinforcements. So that the situation for him has not worsened as a result of the withdrawal of the A. I. F. Incidentally, the U. S. A. is also planning to send troops to the Middle East. But their training has only just begun in—California. That is to say they will take another six months to reach the war theatre.

Frankly Speaking

A Pathetic Complaint

A communique issued from Burma on Tuesday pathetically complained that "our operations in this (Shwedaung) area are considerably hindered by lack of air reconnaissance." What has happened? Where is that air superiority to which Sir Richard Peirse had referred only a few weeks ago? Indeed, the communique implies that the R. A. F. is too weak even to carry out reconnaissance. In this connecton there is another point worth noting. Japanese authorities have for the first time since the beginning of the Pacific war lifted blackout restrictions in Southern Indo-China on the ground of "dimunition of the enemy air potential." Allied air weakness in the Burma area is both humiliating and dangerous.

Transport Facilities

A new transport organisation is said to have been set up to co-ordinate and improve transport facilities in view of the curtailment of motor as well as railway transport. Improvement of motor facilities is possible only if substitutes for petrol are produced adequately and motor services are encouraged to use them. We are told that the new organisation will assist in obtaining plant for the production of power alcohol. That is something as it is better late than never. Charcoal gas is also a good substitute for petrol and several bus services can be persuaded to use it if only they are given necessary concessions to enable them to compete with petrol-using services. In many parts of the country, the present motor facilities have utterly failed to cope with the increase in road traffic resulting from curtailed railway facilities. In some places the control of motor traffic has led to corruption and encouragement of monopolist concerns. The new transport organisation should investigate these growing evils.

General Motors Strike

The strike in the General Motors, (India) Ltd., appears to have reached its final stage. As a result of the talks which labour representatives had with the Commissioner of Labour and Mr. Oakley of the Supplies Department on Tuesday, it is understood, a basis of agreement has been reached, the Company agreeing to pay its workers one month's pay as bonus every year and accepting arbitration on other demands. Pending clarification of certain other points, the workers seem willing to resume work from Monday. We earnestly hope there will be no hitch in the way of final settlement. The workers have every reason to congratulate themselves on their achievement, and we hope that the interest shown by the Labour Commissioner and the Supply Department in the strike will be continued and that the other demands of the workers will be considered in a spirit of sympathy and understanding.

LONDON WATCHES NEW DELHI

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, April 1.

All England is anxiously watching despatches from New Delhi for some positive step either from Sir Stafford Cripps or from the Congress to come out of the deliberations. It is realised that the fate of the British proposals hangs on the next few hours.

Despatches indicate that nothing has yet appeared which might bridge the apparently irreconcilable gap in the respective stands in the defence question. It appears that there is an undercurrent of hostility towards the Congress. The feeling is that the Congress has seized the defence plank to wreck the entire scheme. Officially, however, there will be no comment until Sir Stafford Cripps has spoken. It is firmly reiterated that Sir Stafford Cripps might be permitted to make minor alterations in the other clauses, but the British viewpoint is that Defence must remain in the hands of London 'via' Gen. Wavell and the Viceroy.

Despite Sir S. Cripps' saying, "I will go" if the Congress or anybody rejects the proposals in the issue of non-transference of defence, it is felt in London that uncompromising Congress rejection would not cause Sir Stafford Cripps to return to London. As the "Star" points out; The Congress attitude must have been expected even before Sir S. Cripps left London and it is most likely that Sir Stafford has something else up his sleeve which would enable a new approach to the problem rather than any drastic changes in the offer. At the moment the future appears to lie the manner anticipated that is, Congress' rejection of the scheme. If it is shown that there is a minority view among the Working Committee favouring a basis for acceptance, Sir S. Cripps undoubtedly would make further efforts.

Godavari And Kistna Bridges To Be "Protected"

MADRAS, April 1.

The Government of Madras have declared the railway bridge over the Godavari at Rajahmundry and over the Kistna at Bezwada and the portion of the Godavari and Kistna rivers under these bridges, as also the backwater and bridge over it at Ennore as "protected" places. Consequently the entry of unauthorised persons into these areas is prohibited.—A.P.

BATTLE FOR BURMA

Chinese Withdrawal From Toungoo

Fighting Continues On Outskirts Of City

JAPANESE APOLOGISE FOR AERIAL BOMBING OF HOSPITAL IN BATAAN

NEW DELHI, April 1.

While there is no official news of fighting, a Chungking message reports that Toungoo has been evacuated.

The message adds, Japanese attacks continued incessantly for five days, forcing the Chinese to withdraw, but Chinese troops are reported to be still fighting on the outskirts of the town.

JAP BATTALION WIPED OUT

BOMBAY, April 1.

The latest news on the fighting around Toungoo in Burma is contained in a central news despatch issued in Chungking last night. It declares; "An entire Japanese battalion was wiped out by the Chinese forces, advancing southwards from Yedashe 25 miles north of Toungoo according to last night's war communique. The communique also announced the Chinese recapture of the Kyungun aerodrome 20 miles north of Toungoo on March 29th after a fierce battle."

The Central News Agency here issued another report last night stating that the Chinese forces east of the Rangoon-Mandalay Railways have established contact with Chinese reinforcements from the north, and have reoccupied an aerodrome 20 miles north of Toungoo.

5,000 JAPANESE TROOPS KILLED

In a special telegram to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek on March 29, the Commander of the Chinese Divisions fighting in Toungoo reported that more than 5,000 troops have been killed during their assault against the city between March 24 and 29.

The Central despatch from Mandalay disclosed that the American Volunteer Groups raids on the Japanese occupied aerodromes have slowed down the speed of the Japanese advance in Burma.

The Japanese landing party, which landed at the Chungshan coast near Macao withdrew on March 27, says a war "communique" issued in Chungking last night.

CHINESE WITHDRAWAL

CHUNGKING: A Chinese 'communique' announces that the Chinese forces have withdrawn to the north-east of Toungoo.—Reuter.

ALLIES PUT UP STUBBORN RESISTANCE

LONDON: Chinese and British forces south of Mandalay are putting up most stubborn resistance the Japanese have had to face since their advance through Malaya and Burma. The Allied forces are fighting back at every point and every village and Toungoo on the Sittang Front, 20 miles from Mandalay, was only evacuated by the Chinese after a five-day battle.

Messages from Chungking state that Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek's troops are still fighting on in the outskirts. The Japanese, it is stated, had to use a hail of shells and bombs, tanks and cavalry in storming the city and the Chinese claim that more than 5,000 Japanese dead were counted on the battle-fields.

Japs Holding Shwedaung And Mastery Of Air

NEW DELHI, April 1.

The latest Burma Communique announces: "The attack to clear road blocks at Shwedaung did not materialise as the force to the south, consisting of units of Gloucesters, West Yorks, Cameronians, and Duke of Wellingtons, assisted by two Indian frontier force battalions from the north, opened the road late on March 30 after hard fighting under intense enemy air action throughout the day.

The enemy sustained heavy losses during these engagements and our casualties were moderate.

"The situation on March 31 is that our troops are now back in their original defended areas. The enemy which are in force holding Shwedaung and on the western bank of the Irrawaddy while other columns are operating to the east astride the railway north of Paungde, still are having complete control of the air.

Our river patrols have fought extremely successful actions and have now withdrawn north protecting our right flank from infiltration.

Yesterday the enemy bombed a landing ground in Central Burma and another in Northern Burma. Damage was negligible."—A.P.

On Philippine Front

MINOR RAIDS ON CORREGIDOR

WASHINGTON, April 1.

A War Department 'communique' covering reports up to 9-30 a. m. E. S. T. says "Philippine Theatre; Japanese infantry opened a heavy attack on the right and centre of our line at about 8-0 p. m on March 31. Several waves of assault troops supported by heavy mortars repeatedly attacked our outposts. Some of our advanced positions were taken after fierce bayonet fighting. Our troops were reinforced and after several hours of savage hand-to-hand combat the enemy attack was brought to a halt before it reached our main line.

JAPAN'S APOLOGY

A formal apology has been made by the Japanese Imperial High Command in the Philippines in a radio broadcast for Aerial bombing of a base hospital in Bataan, the spokesman declaring that the bombing was not intentional. There were minor air raids on Corregidor and our rear areas in Bataan during the daylight on March 31. Most of these attacks were made by flights of two planes. The 116th attack on Corregidor was brought to an abrupt end when two heavy Japanese bombers engaged in the raid were shot down by our anti-aircraft at about 5-0 p. m. on March 31. There is nothing to report from other areas."

R. A. F. RAIDS ON KOEPANG & LAE

MELBOURNE: A 'communique' issued on Wednesday states: "During the Royal Australian Air Force and allied raids on Koepang and Lae and the Japanese counter-attacks on Darwin and Port Moresby on March 30 and 31 three enemy aircraft were destroyed, ten probably destroyed and five others including four flying boats damaged. Near misses against a Japanese ship and direct hits on buildings were also scored by our airmen. While the Japanese aircraft were raiding Darwin on the afternoon of March 31 one escorting zero fighter was shot down and one enemy bomber probably damaged.

JAP BOMBER CRASHES

The 'communique' also says: "It is now known that buildings received at least five direct hits with heavy bombs during the Allied attack on Lae in New Guinea on March 30. Two grounded aircraft were also probably destroyed and fires started among buildings. A Japanese bomber over Port Moresby was attacked and its wing shot off. The machine crashed.

SPEEDING UP RECRUITMENT

MELBOURNE: The War Minister Mr. Forde has announced that the Government, on General Blamey's recommendation, has ordered that all units of the Australian army be brought up immediately to full war strength. This involves speeding up of recruitments.

The Government has also agreed to intensify field training.—Reuter.

Japanese In New Guinea

SYDNEY, April 1.

Optimism is growing regarding the possibilities of holding off the Japanese in New Guinea, though observers are careful not to attach too much importance to their withdrawal from the Markham Valley. Nevertheless, the Japanese hold is confined to the narrow coastal strip, where, under pressure, their position might become very precarious.—Reuter.

Jap Attack On Bataan Line

WASHINGTON, April 1.

A 'communique' reports a heavy Japanese attack on the right and centre of the Allied Bataan line. The Japanese captured some advance positions but were halted in fierce hand-to-hand combat before reaching the main allied line. Two heavy Japanese bombers were shot down in minor air raids on Corregidor yesterday.—Reuter.

CASE AGAINST 'STATESMAN'

CALCUTTA, April 1.

On the complaint of Mr. Hem Chandra Nag, Editor of the 'Hindusthan Standard,' Mr. R. Gupta, Chief Presidency Magistrate issued a summons today against Mr. William Arthur Moore, Editor, and Mr. Narayan Patra, Printer of the 'Statesman' on a charge of defamation under Section 500, I.P.C.

The matter complained of is the 'Statesman's' editorial in the issue of March 31, under the caption 'War and Peace' wherein referring to the alleged death of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose as circulated by a News Agency, the paper mentioned an article of the 'Hindusthan Standard' and made certain alleged implications, which the complainant considered defamatory.

The Magistrate has also issued a search warrant for the manuscript of the said article and other relevant papers.—United Press.

NO JAIL DELIVERY

Resolution Thrown Out In Assembly

NEW DELHI, April 1.

Sir Sultan Ahmed in the Legislative Assembly informed Mr. G. V. Deshmukh that the Hindu Law Committee had drafted a bill to codify the Hindu Law relating to intestate succession and another bill to codify the Hindu law relating to marriage. The bills were received by Government on the 11th March and the 17th March respectively and were now under consideration.

Sir Sultan added that Government had reached no final decision on them, but they tentatively contemplated the publication of the bills in the gazette under rule 18 of the Indian Legislative Rules and their simultaneous circulation by executive order with request to Provincial Governments to invite opinions from all the persons and bodies from whom opinions would have been invited if a circulation motion had been adopted by the house. If this course were adopted, the opinions obtained would be supplied to honourable members of the Assembly, and it would be possible to move for reference of the bills to a Select Committee or in the alternative, to a joint committee of the two chambers at an early stage of the next session.

The Legislative Assembly resumed discussion of Mr. Akil Chandra Dutta's resolution urging immediate release of all political prisoners and detenus. After Messrs. K. C. Neogy, L. K. Maitra, Kailash Bihar Lal, G. V. Deshmukh, Chattopadhyaya, Kazmi and Sardar Sant Singh has spoken in support of the resolution Mr. Dutta replied to the debate. He considered the Home Member's remark that the main political parties in the country regarded it as their duty to act as factories for the manufacture of Fifth Columnists as untrue, and a gross calumny on the people of India and demanded its withdrawal. Sir Reginald Maxwell winding up the debate gave the latest figures. He said the number of persons convicted under the Defence of India Rules still serving imprisonment on 1st February 1942 was 720 out of whom, the number of Satyagraha prisoners was 441 compared with 6,548 on 1st November 1941. He added that the number of persons released so far was 6,475. Those detained under rule 26 of the Defence of India Rules on 1st February 1942 were 1,141 compared to 1,650 on 1st November 1941. The Home Member informed the House that acting on the suggestion of the Government of India all Provincial Governments were reviewing the cases and the result of the reviews was not yet known. The Home Member made it very clear that it was not the desire of Government to retain any one who was anti-Fascist and who was determined to assist in the prosecution of war and he was doing his best to ascertain how many of the prisoners belonged to this class.

Replying to Mr. Neogy, the Home Member said Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose's case was not reviewed by a tribunal at the moment, and it would have to be considered later. He assured the House that Government was not so indifferent on the question as some members of the House thought.

The resolution was passed to a division and was lost by 37 votes to 16.

The Assembly adjourned till tomorrow.—A. P.

PETAIN STILL REFUSES TO TAKE LAVAL INTO GOVT.

WASHINGTON, April 1.

The Vichy Ambassador, M. Henri Haye visited the State Department on Tuesday afternoon in order to explain the position of his Government following the Petain-Laval interview recently.

Information received in diplomatic channels are that Laval asked for the premiership, Darlan to retain only the Defence Ministry.

It is known that Petain has thus far refused to consider the possibility of having Laval back in the Government but it is felt there that no definite assurances to that effect have been forthcoming and that the situation remains unclarified.

It seems certain that the United States Government would have to revise its whole attitude towards Vichy if Laval was in charge of the French policy.

Assurances recently given by Vichy regarding the movements of the French fleet and future shipments of food, fuel and war materials to Libya and the neutrality of Madagascar are so far only verbal.

BERLIN: M. Laval returned to his residence at Chaldun from Paris on Tuesday evening, says a Vichy despatch to the official German News Agency.

He declared to press representatives that he had not undertaken any official mandate of Petain on his Paris journey, which was rather of a purely private character.

In reply to rumours current in Vichy of M. Laval's possible re-entry into the Government and of extensive recasting of ministerial posts M. Laval declared that all these rumours were ahead of facts.—Reuter.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT

NEW DELHI, April 1.

The Legislative Assembly to-day threw out by 37 votes to 16 Mr. Akil Chandra Dutta's resolution recommending to Government that steps be taken for immediate and unconditional release of all political prisoners and detenus.

The Muslim League party remained neutral.

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In a speech at Melbourne, Mr. Curtin has pledged that neither the Australian Government nor Parliament would interfere in the military direction of the war.

Let us anticipate your observation by emphasising that it would be dangerous similarly to trust an Indian Government or an Indian Defence Minister.

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Mr. Jinnah—sorry, we mean the Muslim League Working Committee—has postponed the task of giving his—we mean its—views on the Cripps proposals.

Which, of course, is as it always is.

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His dinner to Jawaharlal, was, said Sir Stafford Cripps, "merely between two old friends. It was a social affair not a business affair."

Nevertheless there did arise out of it another dinner, a compulsive psychological affair.

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"Success", says the 'Statesmen' of Calcutta, "will elude Sir Stafford (Cripps) unless he is empowered to use very different language accompanied by striking changes that will make it clear that the old regime is ended and new men and new methods are at work."

What's right with our contemporary, again?

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An Australian reconnaissance plane has shot down one Jap 'O' fighter and probably two others over Timor.

Which inevitably reminds us of Tuesday's Burma communique.

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A Chungking paper says how the lull pervailing on many Pacific fronts was due to Japan's preoccupation with the vigorous fight that Chinese troops are putting up in Burma.

If this is intended as a hint to the United Nations, it is a fond hope.

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It is stated in London that Sir Archibald Clark Kerr had a very cordial conversation with M. Stalin lasting more than two hours.

M. Stalin couldn't very well behave rudely even about that second front, could he?

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A report from Bucharest the Rumanian capital, says that Russians have launched a three-prong assault upon Kharkov and that the Sebastopol Garrison has recently received both reinforcements and material.

Amen and Amen!

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M. LAVAL TO BE VICE-PREMIER?" asks a headline.

With General Auchinleck stabilised east of Mekili and Timini it is quite likely.

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"How do you make such a hit in society?"

"Well you see, I mistake all the debutantes for society leaders and all the society leaders for debutantes."

ANOTHER M.L.A. ARRESTED

Sequel To Speeches In Connection With P. V. B.?

JUBBULPORE, April 1.

Following the arrest at Bilaspur last week-end of Thakur Chhedilal, M.L.A., President of the Mahakoshal Provincial Congress Committee, Pundit Ramgopal Tewari, M.L.A., member of the A.I.C.C. from Mahakoshal, was arrested in Mungeli, in the Bilaspur District, under the Defence of India Rules.

It is alleged that these arrests are sequel to the speeches delivered by Thakur Chhedilal and his colleagues in the Bilaspur District in connection with the newly started Mahakoshal Peoples Volunteers' Brigade.—United Press.

'Forward Bloc' Workers Arrested

COMILLA, March 31.

Maulvi Ashrafuddin Ahmed Choudhury, a prominent member of the All-India Forward Bloc, Mr. Asutosh Sinha, Secretary of the District Forward Bloc, Mr. Medini Choudhury, President of the District Students' Federation and several others have been arrested here under the Defence of India Rules.—A. P.

More Arrests At Lucknow

LUCKNOW, April 1.

Four Sunni leaders, Maulana Kalimullah, Secretary Majlis Thafuzi Namoos Sahabe, Maulana Abdul Aziz, Mr. Nasir Ahmed and Mr. Wahidul Hasan, have been arrested today under the Defence of India Rules in connection with the disturbance on the 'Barawafat' day.

In addition to yesterday's 80 arrests, 74 persons have been arrested till now, including 18 for alleged rioting and 36 for alleged violation of the Curfew Order.—A.P.

TENDULKAR RELEASED

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Mr. D. G. Tendulkar, a detenu from the Nasik Jail was released to-day. This is the first release from the "Communists" detenus of the Bombay Province. Mr. Tendulkar who was detained over year and half has gone down 22 lbs. in weight. It is reported that the detenus are suffering much through heat and under-nutritious food.

REACTIONARY TREND ON THE AMERICAN COTTON MARKETS

Bombay, April 1.

The New York market as anticipated turned reactionary on Tuesday. At the opening the market ruled very steady on trade, mill and outside buying stimulated by an upward revision of mid-month parity price and the establishment of new grey goods ceilings but reacted on heavy profit-taking and liberal local offerings on technical considerations. However the market continues to disclose a good underlying demand reflecting ever-growing Government textile demand. The market closed barely steady.

The market opened at a rise of 6 points at 19.72 for July settlement and after touching the highest level of 19.75+5 for the day, the tendency was reactionary on profit-taking. The rate dropped to 19.54—12, the lowest for the day. The market closed at a loss of 12 points at 19.54. The spot was quoted 21.12—12.

A Liverpool message dated 28th March states that the Controller has released a quantity of Egyptian Ashmouni, Malaki, Giza 7 and also East African cotton. The Official Distributing Company which is soon liquidating allocated 2,150 bales Sudan releasing shortly.

The Controller has so far listed seventeen importers. The position of other merchanting firms remains obscure. Recent releases have been confined to outside growths for instance African and Brazilian. American cotton has been released for more than a fortnight.

PRIVATE ADVICES :—

New York July Highest 19.73+07 (10 a.m.)
New York July Lowest 19.54—12 (2-52)

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co., have received to-day the following cable information from their Foreign Friends :—

New York.—Market declined on profit-taking and selling on reaction theory. Undertone steady

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, March 31.

March	
May	19.42
July	19.54
October	19.70
Middling spot	21.12

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
New York, March 31.

March	
May	19.41
July	19.55
October	19.50
Middling spot	20.06

NEW YORK COTTON.
New York, March 31.

NOON CALL—	
March	
May	19.15
July	19.63
October	19.80

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.
Bombay, March 31.

Broach A/M highest 154; lowest 150 1/2; closing at 3 p.m. 150 1/2
Broach J/A highest 175 1/4; lowest 172 3/4; closing at 3 p.m. 173
Oomra May highest 135; lowest 133; closing at 3 p.m. 133.
Oomra July highest 147 1/2; lowest 145; closing at 3 p.m. 145
Bengal May highest 123; lowest 121 1/2; closing at 3 p.m. 122
Bengal July highest 126 1/2; lowest 126; closing at 3 p.m. 126.

FAT PEOPLE WHO HAVE HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

Should take Kruschen Salts!

If thousands of fat folks could lose a goodly part of their excess fat they would also lose their dangerous high blood-pressure. Take the case of this woman for example. In a grateful letter she writes : "I have had trouble with my back and high blood-pressure. I was always tired and was twenty pounds overweight. I tried taking Kruschen Salts and soon lost five pounds of my overweight. The pain has stopped, and now I can get around much quicker, and feel 100 per cent. perfect, thanks to Kruschen Salts. I will always recommend them."—(Mrs.) D. W.

To lose fat the safe, inexpensive way, take one-half teaspoon of Kruschen in a glass of hot water every morning before breakfast. Kruschen Salts helps to put vigour and ambition into the indolent, and makes those who take it "little daily dose" gloriously alive and active.
Tasteless in Tea

You too can have THAT KRUSCHEN FEELING

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, April 1.

The local cotton market was quietly steady to-day, and there was no urge on the part of the operators to sell cotton at the prevailing distress prices. The lower New York advices had no effect and some covering came forth. There was inclination to await the tenders of Broach cotton, and hence at higher levels support was somewhat of a halting nature. The market opened to-day at Rs. 150 for Broach A/May and the price after declining to Rs. 149-8 steadily improved to Rs. 153-0-0. July-August was quoted Rs. 174-8-0. Total tenders against Broach delivery totalled to-day 26,750 bales. Later on the market depicted a steadier tendency on buying by professional operators and the rate for Broach A-May moved up to Rs. 156, while the July-August price touched Rs. 175-12-0. Some miscellaneous offerings came forth at higher levels and the session terminated as follows :—

BROACH A/May	Rs.	154	8 0
BROACH July/August		174	8 0
OOMRA May		136	0 0
OOMRA July		148	0 0
BENGAL May		123	0 0
BENGAL July		128	0 0

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES
Bombay, April 1.
Since 1st September.

In full-pressed Bales.

	3 days	This year	Last year.
Khandesh	153	74,628	93,279
Central India		29,523	124,679
Berar	318	47,886	96,240
Hyderabad-Gaorani		11,096	34,517
Berar	425	172,244	327,227
Central Provinces	490	80,475	67,839
Total Oomras	1,386	416,057	743,781
Dholleras	239	29,772	62,264
N.-W. Provinces		1,021	1,202
Rajputana		376	5,068
Sindh-Punjab	2,060	374,533	425,659
Broach	5,264	284,217	80,808
Coompta and Dharwar	5	7,747	40,145
Westerns-Northerns		8,002	44,675
Cocoanada			239
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		9,073	1,248
Total	8,921	1,131,200	1,405,681
Arr. by road to 26th March 42		89,500	238,133

COTTON PARITY DIFFERENCES

Broach A/M below N.Y. May 1,368 cent pts. at 331.
Broach J/A below N.Y. July 1,293 cent pts. at 331.

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS
Bombay, April 1.

The following were the rates to day in the Market.

Copper sheets lb. 21 Rs. 135 28 127 35 126 42 125 49-56 121
Brass sheets Flag Brand lb. 20-21 Rs. 104 24 103 28 103 35 93 42 92 49-56 91
Spelter 'P.H.' Rs. 76 Rosita Rs. 74 Country make Rs. 59 Pigiead 'B.M. Refind Rs. 32/8 per cwt.
Tin Ingot Pennang Rs. 84 per qr.
Settlements Rates :—
Copper sheets Ashad Rs. 126/8.
Market Tone :—Steady.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

An account pursuant to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, for the week ended the 27th day of March 1942.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	10,99,30,000
Notes in circulation :—	
(a) Legal Tender in India	381,73,01,000
(b) Legal Tender in Burma only	28,33,32,000
Total Notes issued	421,05,63,000
Total Liabilities	421,05,63,000

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities : 61.1 per cent.

ASSETS	Rs.
A. Gold Coin and Bullion :—	
(a) Held in India	44,41,43,000
(b) Held outside India	—
Sterling Securities	212,85,11,000
Total of A	257,26,54,000
B. Rupee Coin	27,52,97,000
Goernment of India Rupee Securities	136,25,12,000
Internal Bills of Exchange and other commercial Paper	—
Total Assets	421,05,63,000

Statement of the affairs of the Reserve Bank of India, Banking Department as on the 27th March, 1942.

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits :—	
(a) Government—	
(1) Central Govt. of India	7,40,73,000
(2) Government of Burma	48,37,000
(3) Other Government Accounts	11,55,22,000
(b) Banks	42,03,05,000
(c) Others	2,24,64,000
Bills Payable	2,73,04,000
Other Liabilities	5,16,65,000
Rupees	81,61,70,000

ASSETS	Rs.
Notes :—	
(a) Legal Tender in India	10,98,05,000
(b) Legal Tender in Burma only	1,25,000
Rupee Coin	9,22,000
Subsidiary Coin	4,68,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted :—	
(a) Internal	—
(b) External	
(c) Government Treasury Bills	38,97,000
Balances held abroad*	35,28,61,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	17,50,00,000
Other Loans and Advances	50,000
Investments	12,18,16,000
Other Assets	5,12,26,000
Rupees	81,61,70,000

*Includes Cash and Short Term Securities.

LONDON EXCHANGES.
London, March 31.

New York, sellers	4.02 1/2
buyers	4.03 1/2
Madrid, official	40.5
voluntary rate	46.55
Montreal, sellers	4.43
buyers	4.47
Zurich, sellers	17.03
buyers	17.04
Stockholm sellers	16.85
buyers	16.95

WHEAT MARKET.
London, March 31.

Rozario Santa Fe Mar/Apr. quoted	22/1 1/2
Barleta Russo Mar/Apr. quoted	22/3
Australian Wheat Mar/Apr. quoted	27/6

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.
London, March 31.

Rupee paper 3 1/2 p.c.	£64
Indian Stock 3 1/2 p.c. 1931 or later	£101 1/8
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£83 1/4
Conversion Loan 3 1/2 p.c. 1961	£106 1/4
War Loan 3 1/2 p.c.	£105 13/16
Funding Loan 4 p.c. 1960/90	£114 1/2
Victory Bonds 4 p.c. 1960/90	£113 1/2
Chartered Bank of I.A. & China	£5 7/16
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London reg.)	£47
National Bank of India	£25 1/2

BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, April 1.

The Bombay Stock Exchange ruled steady with a moderate turnover. Prices fluctuated narrowly with support coming forth at lower levels. Tata Steel Defds. fluctuated between Rs. 1,150 and Rs. 1,165, but eventually finished at Rs. 1,150 for cash and Rs. 1,270 for forward. Tata Ordinaries were done at Rs. 227 for cash and Rs. 242 for forward. Tata Steel 2nd Preference shares closed at Rs. 107. Other quotations were Dyeing Rs. 1,095, Century Rs. 380, Kohinoor Rs. 422, Simplex Rs. 155, Gokak Rs. 236, Belapur Rs. 221, Burma ord. Rs. 200 and new Rs. 65, A.C.C. Rs. 153-8, Scindia Rs. 17-12, E. D. 2-3-6, Petrol Rs. 1-2-0, Central Bank Rs. 40 and Indian Iron Rs. 22-6.

The Bombay Stock Exchange will remain entirely closed from 3rd April to 6th April, both days inclusive owing to Easter holidays.

TEXTILES
Bombay, April 1.

100	Ahmedabad Advance	298 12
250	BOMBAY DYEING	1090 0
100	CENTURY	376 0
100	CENTRAL INDIA	320 0
100	Colaba X.D.	151 8
100	Cooria	120 0
250	Dawn	627 0
250	David	300 0
1	E. D. Sassoon Defd.	2 3 6
100	FINLAY	190 0
100	GOKAK	238 0
1000	Hindustan	2282 8
100	Indore	221 4
100	Khatau	225 0
100	KOHINOOR X.D.	422 0
250	LAXMI	640 0
100	Madhusudan	320 0
100	MORARJI	470 0
250	Model	210 0
50	MYSORE	125 0
200	NEW GREAT X.D.	240 0
100	Podar X.D.	185 0
100	Phoenix	385 0
25	Sassoon Silk	81 0
1000	Sholapur	5175 0
50	SIMPLEX	155 0
100	SWADESHI	380 0
100	SWAN	180 0
600	Vishnu	1470 0
1000	Western	1550 0
	BANKS	
50-100	Baroda X.D.	104 8
25-50	Central India X.D.	40 0
500	Imperial	1415 0
125-500	Imp. Cont.	346 0
50-100	India X.D.	136 0
100	Reserve Bank	95 0
5	Union X.D.	5 12
	CEMENTS	
100	ASSOCIATED X.D.	153 0
	INSURANCE	
15-75	New India	42 0
100	Empire	700 0
15-100	Jupiter	13 0
20	Mercantile	60 0
200	Oriental	3450 0
10-50	Vulcan	8 6
	ELECTRIC	
100	Ahmedabad Old X.D.	164 6
1000	ANDHRA VALLEY	1510 0
10	Ajmer	12 15
50	BOMBAY TRAMS	129 0
100	Bombay Suburban	170 0
10	Broach	13 6
100	Karachi	200 0
100	Poona	217 0
100	Surat	189 6
100	TATA HYDRO	153 0
1000	TATA POWER	1365 0
	RAILWAYS	
500	Ahmedabad Prantij X.D.	865 0
100	C. Province	104 0
100	Dhond Baramati	104 4
100	Gujarat	102 0
100	Mandra Bhon	100 0
100	Pachora Jamner	93 8
100	Sara Sirajganj	95 8
500	Tapti Valley X. D.	617 8
	MININGS	
9	Burma Corporation	1 14
8sh.	Indian Copper	1 9
10	Indian Iron and Steel	22 9
30	SHIVRAJPUR	30 8
10	Mukund Iron	13 15
40	TATA STEEL DEFD.	1270 0
75	TATA STEEL ORD.	242 0
10	Steel Corporation	13 6
	MISCELLANEOUS	
100	ALCOCK	243 0
10	Air Services	3 0
50	BELAPUR SUGAR	220 8
200	Bombay Safe Deposit	650 0
250	BOMBAY STEAM	315 0
100	B. BURMA	207 8
50	Contributory	65 0
8sh.	Br. B. Petrol	1 1 6
100	IND. BLEACHING	140 0
80	Ind. Invest. Trust X.D.	45 0
100	Indian Radio Def	360 0
100	Indian Radio Ord	340 0
100	Port Canning	72 0
30	PREMIER CONSTRUCTION	107 0
15	Scindia	17 12
24	Tata Oil	44 0
24	Tata Chemical	12 14
100	Wimco	192 8
	PREFERENCE	
7	p.c. Andhra Valley	1502 0
6	p.c. Bom. Steam	315 0
7	p.c. Bom. Tram. (T.F.) X.D.	75 0
5	p.c. Central India (T.F.)	560 0
6	1/4 p.c. Premier Const. 1st	112 0
6	1/4 p.c. Premier Const. 2nd X.D.	106 0
7	p.c. Tata Hydro	147 8
7	1/2 p.c. Tata Power	1523 12
6	p.c. Tata Steel 1st	180 0
7	1/2 per cent Tata Steel 2nd	107 0
7	p.c. Vishnu	715 0
	DEBENTURES	
4	p.c. Andhra Valley Deb	100 0
4	p.c. Bom. Telephone	48 0
5	p.c. Morarji	103 6
5	p.c. Sholapur	74 12
4	p.c Tata Power Deb.	105 8

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, April 1.

Prices tended to rule easier to-day in the absence of buying support. Tata Deferreds eased off to 1150 while Tata Ordinaries were lower at 226 Bombay Dyeing also ruled quiet at 1080, Indian Irons were steady at 22-8.

Tata Ordinary	226
Tata Deferred	1150
Indian Iron	22-8
Steel Corpn. of Bengal	13-8
Bombay Dyeing	1080
Central India	317-8
Century	380
Gokak	235
Kohinoor	421-14
Simplex	150
Andhra Valley	1475
Tata Hydro	150
Tata Power	1365
Associated Cement	153-8
Belapur	216-14
Bombay Burma (old)	202-8

London Stock Exchange

London, April 1.

The Stock Exchange had extremely quiet day again with approaching easter budget and war uncertainties causing general caution. Undertone however was steady and few firm features noticeable including breweries, motors and rubbers which advanced slightly. Oils, giltedgeds, kaffirs and tea offered lightly while homerails south American rails were maintained.

Cheques Cleared

Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending 27-3-1942 were as under :—

Number of cheques—113,926.
Amount of cheques—25,91,01,488-6-3.

Latest Commercial

JULY
New York, April 1

Previous closing	19.54
To-day's opening	19.44
Difference	—10
To-day's closing	not received

NEW YORK COTTON.
New York, April 1

Following are the New York opening ranges :—
May (19.62/60) 19.32/31
July (19.73/72) 19.44/44
October (19.92/89) 19.60/59

LONDON COMMODITIES.
London, April 1

SEEDS
Castorseeds March/April (£20 5/8 sellers) £20 5/8 sellers
Linseed Bombay/Calcutta March/April (£20 nominal) £20 nominal
Linseed La Plata March/April unquoted
Groundnut Coromandal Coast March/April (East Coast India shipment not quoted; £20
1/8 West Coast India shipment) £20 sellers.

LONDON METALS
Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

EXCHANGE:

CROSS RATES.

T.T NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York, April 1

Previous closing	4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.03 1/2

T.T LONDON ON NEW YORK
London, April 1

Previous closing 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's opening 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's closing 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers

LONDON BULLION.
London, April 1

London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0
LONDON SILVER
London, April 1

Spot (23 1/2d) 23 7/16d —1/16
Forward (23 1/2d) 23 7/16d —1/16

CROSS RATES
London on Bombay (1-6 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers) 1-6 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers
New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36

DISCOUNTS
3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent
4 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
London, April 1

The Stock Exchange was steady to-day.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
New York, April 1

New York Stock Exchange opening prices :
General Motors (dol 34 7/8) dol 34 3/4
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 25 3/4) dol 25 1/2
United States Steel Common (dol 50) dol 49 3/8
United States Steel Preference (unquoted) unquoted

3% PER CENT STERLING LOAN
London, April 1

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £101 1/8

AUSTRALIAN LOAN
London, April 1

5 per cent 1958/68 £101

BRITISH FUNDS
2 1/2 per cent British Consols £83 1/8
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £106 3/16
2 per cent Conversion Loan £100
4 per cent Funding Loan £114 7/16
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £106 13/16
3 per cent War Loan £100 3/16
4 per cent Victory Bonds £113 1/2

INDUSTRIALS
Standard Motors 16-1 1/2
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 34-9
Electric Music Industry 14-0
Princhin Johnson 21-3
Imperial Chemical 32-4 1/2
Woolsworth New Ordinary 49-9
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £78
Dundee 24-9
Unilever Ordinary 26-0
Ford Motors 24-1 1/2
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £51 1/2
British American Tobacco Ordinary £3 21/32
Carreas 'A' £5 1/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £6 3/16
P and O Defd 27-4 1/2
Distillers 74-0
Bredfords Dyes 7-1 1/2
British Celanese 6-6
J and P Coates 34-10 1/2
Courtaulds Ordinary 32-3
Fine Cotton Spinners 7-0
Vickers Limited Ordinary 16-3
Inter Nickel dol 40 1/4
Indian Iron 34-4 1/2

TEA SHARES
Assam 11-3
Donaro Tea 20-7 1/2
Empire of India 11-9

JUTE
Barnagore £5 nominal

RUBBER SHARES
Anglo-Dutch Rubber 9-0
Gula Kelampong 8-1 1/2
Rubber Plant Inv. Trust 12-0

MINING SHARES
Nandydrug 16-3
Burma Corporation 3-6
Rio Tintos £8
East Rand Properties £1 7/8
Rand Mines £6 1/4

MINE SHARES
Crown £8 3/4
Associated Portland Cement 45-0
Trinidad Leasehold 68-1 1/2
Sub-Nigel £6
Spring Mines Split Share £1
Union Corporation 128-9

OIL SHARES
Venezuela Persian 35-0
Anglo-India 35-7 1/2
Burma Oil £1 17/32
Mexican Eagle 12-6
Shell Transport £1 15/16
Royal Dutch £14

RAILWAY SHARES
Great Western Ordinary £41 3/4
London Midland Ordinary £18
London North Eastern Defd £1 5/8
London Southern Defd £15
London Transport 5 per cent £130 1/2
London Transport £40

Planes Of Bombay's Own Squadron

The Director of Information, Bombay, writes :—

Several Bombay Districts will next week see the planes of Bombay's own Squadron of the Indian Air Force.

It has been arranged that, on its way to Bombay on April 5, the Squadron should fly over Sholapur, Poona, Kalyan and Thana. Over each of these places it will cruise for 10 or 15 minutes.

The planes are due to reach Sholapur at 9 a.m., Poona about 10-45 a.m., Kalyan about 12-30 p.m. and Thana about 1 p.m.

Bombay city itself will see the planes the following morning. Beginning about 9-30 the Squadron will fly in various formations over the city and the citizens will be able to see the changing of formation. A similar display will be given between 5-30 and 6-30 in the evening.

Several functions have been arranged for the entertainment of the Squadron in Bombay city. The Rotary Club has invited all ranks to lunch on April 6, and at 5-30 p.m. on the 7th the Chairman and Committee of the Bombay War Gifts Fund are entertaining the whole Squadron to tea at the Willingdon Club.

GOVT. SECURITIES

Bombay, April 1.

2 3/4	per cent 1948-52 93
3 1/2	per cent G P Notes 88/2
3	per cent 1951/54 Loan 94/1
3	per cent 1949/52 Loan 95/4
4	per cent 1960/70 Loan 103
4	per cent 1945 Bonds 102/2
3	per cent War Bonds 97/6
3 1/2	per cent 1947/50 Loan 97/8
4 1/2	per cent 1955 Loan 107/8

TAX FREE LOANS

5	per cent 1945/55 Loan 105/2
4	per cent 1953/63 Mysore 110
5	per cent 1955 Mysore 120 N

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4	per cent B P T 1947 97/8
4	per cent M Deb 1947 99/8
5	per cent M Deb 1959 109
5	per cent M Deb 1954 118
5	per cent K P T 1956 115

Tone :—Steady unchanged.

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, April 1.

Trading on the local bullion market was featureless, and the tendency was slightly easier. Silver for Chaitra settlement opened around Rs. 81-12-0, but the market gave way to Rs. 80-15-0 on general liquidation. Gold Chaitra settlement was quoted Rs. 51-12-0.

Later on prices moved narrowly. The market closed as follows :—

Silver Ready	Rs.	85	4 0
Silver 1st settlement		81	3 0
Gold Ready		51	13 0
Gold 1st settlement		51	12 0
Sovereigns		39	2 0

LONDON SILVER
London, March 31.

Spot	23 1/2
Forward	23 1/2

LONDON GOLD.
London, March 31.

Gold bars fine per oz.	£8/8/0

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

CALCUTTA, April 1

Only a moderate business was put throughout the day and the general undertone continued quiet but steady.

Following are the closing quotations :—

Government securities : 3 per cent Government Paper 75/8; 3 1/2 per cent Government Paper 88; 4 per cent loan 1960/70 103.

Coal : New Beerbhoom pref 13/1.

Jute : Kamarhatty pref 122.

Miscellaneous : Indian Copper 1/11; Mirzapur Elec 6/2; U P Electric 190 c div; Indian Iron and Steel 22/15; Steel Corpn ord 13/11; pref 92; B I Corpn ord 4/8 ex div; Star Paper 13/8.

Tea shares : Hasimara 48 small lot; Hattikhira 22/4 small lot.

Debentures : 3 1/2 per cent 1934/35 Calcutta Municipal Debs 95.

Remission Of Land Revenue

The Government of Bombay has directed that remission of land revenue to the extent of three annas in a rupee, on account of the fall in prices of agricultural commodities in the revenue year 1941-42, should be granted to the Dohad Taluka and Halol Mahal of the Broach and Panch Mahals District and Sindkheda and Shirpur talukas of the West Khandesh District.

A remission of two annas in a rupee has been granted to Matar and Mehmedabad talukas of the Kaira District, Kalol taluka and Jhalod mahal of the Broach and Panch Mahal District, Chorasi and Bardoli talukas and Valod mahal of the Surat District, Dhulia and Taloda talukas of the West Khandesh District Mulshi mahal (Groups I, II and IV) of the Poona District and Pandharpur and Sangola talukas of the Sholapur District.

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The Bombay Government has extended the period of supercession of the Yeola Municipality until September 30, 1942.

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Special grants for the supervision of adult education classes have been sanctioned by the Bombay Government to associations running such classes.

INTER-UNIVERSITY SPORTS BOARD

An Inter-University Sports Board has been constituted by the Inter-University Board of India.

The Sports Board will be composed of the Chairman and the Secretary of the Inter-University Board, nominees of the different Universities, as also representatives from the Board of Control for Cricket in India, the Indian Hockey Federation, the All-India Lawn Tennis' Association and the All-India Football Federation.

The Inter-University Board have conveyed their thanks to Rajah Sir Annamalai Chettiar, the Maharaja of Jeypore, Mr. A. D. Baria and the authorities of the Calcutta University and the Indian Hockey Federation for the gift of trophies for various athletic activities organised by the Board.—A. P.

BOMBAY WAR GIFTS FUND.

The following has been issued by Sir Homi Mehta, Chairman, the Bombay War Gifts Fund Committee :—

"It has come to the notice of my Committee that certain unauthorised persons have been soliciting donations or advertisements in programmes for functions which they state are being organised for the benefit of the Bombay War Gifts Fund.

I deem it necessary, therefore, to remind the citizens of Bombay that donations should be sent only to members of the War Gifts Fund Committee or to the Imperial Bank of India and to ask them not to respond to requests for advertisements unless the individual or association concerned produces a letter of authority signed by Mr. B. N. Karanjia or Mr. Camar S. Tyabjee, the Joint Hony. Secretaries of the War Gifts Fund."

REVISED WHEAT PRICES

The Government of Bombay has, under instructions from the Government of India, sanctioned with effect from April 1, 1942 an all-round increase of annas ten per Bengal Maund in the maximum sale prices of the various kinds of wheat in Bombay City, fixed by the Controller of Prices, Bombay, in his Order of March 9. The revised prices will be as follows :—

	Quality of wheat.	Wholesale price per Bengal maund (82 2/7 lbs.) F.O.R. Ex-Bombay godown. Rs.	Retail price per Bengal maund (82 2/7 lbs.) Rs.	Retail price per paylee. Rs.
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2.	Karachi Bungalow	6-10-0	7-6-0 (12 1/2 paylees)	0- 9-6
3.	Nasik Yellow	——	7- 0-0 (12 1/2 paylees)	0- 9-0
4.	Delhi & Cawnpore	6-10-0	7-6-0 (12 1/2 paylees)	0- 9-6
5.	Khandwa	7-12-6	8-4-6 (12 1/4 paylees)	0-10-9
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Failure Of Cripps Mission Would Be

Disastrous Tragedy In Hour Of Crisis

Sapru And Jayakar Urge Framing Of Satisfactory Formula On Defence Portfolio

NEW DELHI, April 1.

"It would be a tragedy if Sir Stafford Cripps' mission failed for it would produce a keen sense of disappointment and frustration and provoke antagonisms which, in our opinion, would be disastrous in this hour of crisis", says Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru and Dr. M. R. Jayakar in a joint statement.

"The terms of the draft declarations by His Majesty's Government make it clear that after the war India will not have to struggle for the recognition of its constitutional and international status.

We regret that more emphasis has been laid on the constitution of the future than on the immediate needs.

We think therefore that if a satisfactory formula could be devised in respect of the defence portfolio, the mission of Sir Stafford Cripps might still succeed.

It is not probably realised in England and Allied countries that Indian opinion cannot look upon any transfer of power as real unless the Government of India is so constituted as to give an effective share to the country in the management of its defence and thus to increase immensely and without delay, the military strength of the country to defeat the threatened aggression. We would therefore urge that immediate attention be concentrated on this question."—A.P.

AUROBINDO HOPES INDIA WILL ACCEPT CRIPPS PLAN

NEW DELHI, April 1.

A message from Aurobindo Ashram, Pondicherry, received by Sir Stafford Cripps says: "I have heard your broadcast. As one who has been a nationalist leader and worker for India's independence, though now my activity is no longer in the political but spiritual field, I wish to express my appreciation of all you have done to bring about this offer.

I welcome it as an opportunity given to India to determine for herself and organise, in all liberty of choice, her freedom and unity and take an effective place among the world's free nations.

I hope that it will be accepted and right use made of it, putting aside all discords and divisions.

I hope too that friendly relations between Britain and India, replacing past struggles, will be a step towards a greater world union in which as a free nation, her spiritual force will contribute to build for mankind a better and happier life.

In this light I offer public adhesion in case it can be of any help in your work."—AUROBINDO GHOSE.

CRIPPS' REPLY

"I am most touched and gratified by your kind message allowing me to inform India that you who occupy a unique position in the imagination of Indian youth are convinced that the declaration of His Majesty's Government substantially confers that the freedom for which Indian nationalism has so long struggled" says Sir Stafford Cripps, in reply sent by him to Sri Aurobindo Ghose's message to him.—A.P.

"SPECIFIC PROVISION FOR PAKISTAN"

NEW DELHI, April 1.

The Sikh All Parties Committee in a representation to Sir Stafford Cripps declares that the proposals are unacceptable to them because: (1) "Instead of maintaining and strengthening the integrity of India, specific provision has been made for separation of provinces and constitution of Pakistan and (2) The cause of Sikh community has been lamentably betrayed.

Ever since the British advent our community has fought for England in every battlefield of the Empire, and this is our reward, that our position in the Punjab, which England promised to hold in trust, and in which we occupied a predominant position has been finally liquidated.

Why should a province that fails to secure 3/5th majority of its legislature, in which are ligious community enjoys statuary majority, be allowed to hold a plebiscite and given the benefit of a bare majority. In fairness this right should have been conceded to communities who are in permanent minority in the legislature.

Further why should not the population of any area opposed to separatibn be given the right to record its verdict and to form an autonomous unit.

We are sure you know that Punjab proper extended upto the banks of Jhelum excluding Jhang and Multan Districts, and trans-Jhelum area was added by conquest of Maharaja Ranjit Singh and retained by the British for administrative convenience.

It would be altogether unjust to llow extraneous trans-Jhelum population which only accidentally came into the province to dominate the future of the Punjab proper.

We give below the figures which abundantly prove our contention;—

From the boundary of Delhi to banks of Ravi River the population is divided as follows;—

Muslims 82,88,000
Sikhs and other Non-Muslims. 76.46.000

From Delhi boundary to the banks of Jhelum River excluding Multan and Jhang districts;—

Muslims 82,88, 000
Sikhs and other non-Muslims. 93,48,000

To this may be added the population of Sikh states of Patiala, Nabha, Jind, Kapurthala and Faridkot, which is about 26 lacs. Of this the Muslims constitute barely 20 per cent. and this reduces the ratio of Muslim population still further.

We do not wish to labour the point any more. We have lost all hope of receiving any consideration. by all possible means separation of the Punjab from All-India Union. We shall never permit our motherland to be at the mercy of those who disown it".—A. P.

INDIA "JUGGLES WITH DESTINY"

NEW YORK, April 1.

In a leader headed "India Juggles With Destiny" the "New York Times" said on Wednesday the outstanding political leaders of India are "juggling with Sir Stafford Cripps proposals while evil destiny marches steadily nearer."

"If by hesitating now Pandit Nehru, Mr. Gandhi and other leaders helped to produce the world catastrophe of a Japanese invasion of India they will not be remembered as friends of human freedom", the paper concludes.—Reuter.

LATIF WELCOMES CRIPPS PROPOSALS.

HYDERABAD, April 1.

In the course of telegram to Sir Stafford Cripps, Dr. Syed Abdul Latif welcomes the British proposal and admires their general framework regarding British India but regarding the Indian states he seeks clarification on one point.

He asks, "if one dominion for the whole of India is not agreed to by all parties and more than one dominion arises ultimately, could Hyderabad if she so desires, stand under any possible arrangement by herself as a dominion member of the British Commonwealth enjoying equal status with other dominions in India."—A. P.

CRIPPS INTERVIEWS CONTINUE

Sir Stafford Cripps will see Messrs. M. N. Roy, and Mr. Jamnadas Mehta (Indian Federation of Labour) and Maharaja of Parlakimedi (Premier of Orissa) in the morning.

He is meeting the representatives of the All-India Students' Federation in the afternoon. The Students' Federation will be represented by Miss Perin Barucha, Mr. Faruqi, Mr. Y. D. Sharma, Mr. Sarla Gupta, Mr. K. M. Ahmad and Mr. Romesh Chander.—A.P.

ENCOURAGEMENT TO SEPARATISM

LAHORE, March 31.

Sardar Kharak Singh, President of the Central Akali Dal, in a statement to the Press says the proposals of the War Cabinet not only concede to all intents and purposes the Separatists' demand for the partition of India, but actually encourage the idea of separatism. At present this idea of separatism has only a frail hold on some sections of the Muslim community, but once this principle is agreed to be conceded, it is bound to spread throughout India, and then as many Pakistans may be established as there are provinces or States in which any religions community is in majority. The acceptance of these proposals will, therefore, mean the complete frustration of the national movement in India.

This scheme, adds Sardar Kharak Singh is so anti-national that it could never be acceptable to the nationalist minded Sikhs, but it becomes all the more obnoxious and totally unacceptable, as it does not provide for effective safeguards of the rights of the Sikhs.

N. G. RANGA'S REPRESENTATION

DELHI, April 1.

Prof. N. G. Ranga, M.L.A. (Central) President, Tribal Peoples and Excluded Areas Association, has addressed a letter to Sir Stafford Cripps, requesting that the power vested in Governors and the Governor-General under sections 91 and 92 of the Government of India Act, 1935, be transferred to provincial ministries, thus helping tribal peoples who occupy one-tenth the area of British India to enjoy the same rights of provincial autonomy as all others in British India.—A. P.

Defence Of India Is No Longer An Indian Probelm

U. S. Press Indulges In Special Pleading For Cripps' Scheme

WASHINGTON, April 1.

There is a feeling of uneasiness and some bewilderment in Washington over the reports from New Delhi that the Congress has spurned Britain's plan for self-government. According to these reports, the Congress memorandum to be handed to Sir Stafford Cripps to-day, will reject the plan on the ground that it does not give India enough control over its own war effort. The clause in the plan relating to Interim arrangements is said to be unacceptable, because it involves no transfer of real power to the Indians.

The "Washington Post" says if those in charge of the Congress "take 'the whole hog or nothing' position, if they insist on receiving from Britain the right to dominate the country some of whose great minorities have not the least desire to be dominated by them, they will discredit themselves in the eyes of the world and certainly lose every vestige of goodwill they have enjoyed in the United States."

Dealing with the report that Britain's insistence in retaining control of India's defence is one of the stumbling blocks to the acceptance of the plan, the "Washington Post" declares, the Defence of India is no longer an Indian problem. "To turn over India's defence entirely to the Indians at this time would open the country wide to the Japanese", it says and adds that to baulk at that provision in the British plan in view of the present menace "is to manifest an unrealism and unworldliness which India's many friends in the United States will utterly condemn."

WARNING TO CONGRESS

The "Washington Star" sees a possible Japanese threat to India and hopes that the British offer will be accepted in good faith by all parties none of whom have anything to gain by Japanese domination. The paper adds that the maintenance of British authority during the war appears to be an absolute necessity from the military point of view, and it warns the Indian Congress that the hour is too grave for playing obstructionist politics.

BULL CONVERTS HIM TO NON-VIOLENCE

JUBBULPORE, April 1.

According to a Chhindwara message, a butcher who was employed by some persons to slaughter an old and disabled bull, was so much moved by the sight of the helpless animal, that he instead of killing the bull let it go and took a vow not to kill any animal in future, and bade good-bye to his profession for ever.—United Press.

RUSSIA, BRITAIN AND AMERICA SEND WHEAT TO PERSIA

MOSCOW, April 1.

Russia, Britain and the United States have sent sufficient wheat to Persia to overcome difficulties.

Russia has also given the Persians considerable help in saving the present crops from the plague of locusts. The message adds that in Teheran there is plenty of bread, fats, vegetables, fruits, rice and food supplies.

The Teheran Radio dealing with the same subject says that the Soviet have exported to southern Iran a large consignment of flour which is sold to the population at very low prices. Soviet cargo ships have brought to Iran from America 6,500 tons of wheat.—Reuter.

"PUNCH" CARTOONIST DEAD

LONDON, April 1.

The death has occurred of Mr. Leonard Raven-Hill, black and white artist, who was well-known as the "Punch" illustrator and Cartoonist, from 1895 until his retirement in 1935.—Reuter.

TORY M. P. STAYS WITH CRIPPS

NEW DELHI, April 1.

Mr. Gerald Palmer, a conservative member of the House of Commons arrived here last night and is staying with Sir Stafford Cripps. He was to have come with Sir Stafford originally, but due to want of air accommodation he was delayed.—A. P.

Germans Had 5,000 Tanks, Says Gen. Keller

VICHY, March 31.

General Keller, a former Inspector of Tanks, giving evidence at the Riom Trial said that Germany's present tank force could be estimated at 5,000. At the time of the armistice with France the German tank output doubled while French production increased five or six-fold.

The Germans then had 6,000 tanks on the French front. France had 1,725 tanks on September 1939.

He strongly protested against the assertion that French soldiers abandoned modern material to enemy.

Paris workers were even left behind to destroy the tanks under construction. General Feller said that 500 tanks found at a depot had been used and were being repaired. Repainted they looked like modern tanks. The trial was adjourned.

MACARTHUR SATISFIED WITH AUSTRALIAN OFFICERS

MELBOURNE, April 1.

The Army Minister Mr. Forde stated on Wednesday that General MacArthur has been greatly impressed with the leading Australian officers whom he met.

A further list of promotions is being prepared but for security reasons may not be published.

It is known, however, that the Commander of the Australian Armoured Division Major-General John Northcott is taking a more important post and Major-General H. R. H. Robertson is filling Maj.-General Northcott's present command.

BLACK-OUT LIFTED FROM FRENCH INDO-CHINA

TOKYO, April 1.

For the first time since the Pacific war broke out almost four months ago black-out restrictions will be lifted from Wednesday in Saigon, Cholon and rest of in southern French Indo-China according to a Saigon dispatch to the Domei Agency.

Japanese sources explain this to be due to the dimunition of the enemy air potential.—Reuter.

NO NAZI SECRET U-BOAT BASES IN ATLANTIC

WASHINGTON, March 31.

Experts here do not believe that the Nazis have secret U-boat bases in the Western Hemisphere from which they obtain fuel supplies as suggested yesterday by Senator Smith, member of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee.

They say that many submarines are capable of trans-Atlantic operations with full margin for operations along the coast.

These U-boat crews are good for 40 or 50 days.

Experts calculate that it would take a U-boat 14 days to cross the Atlantic and 14 days to go back with 12 days extra for coastal raids.

The best way to curtail U-boat operations is to attack their home bases such as at Nazaire, they say.

Experts warn that the coming good weather will be an aid to U-boats off American waters, but they believe that the weather will also help American coastal measures.

The Nazis are not used to full power long distance offensive and an increased number of submarines will probably appear in American coastal waters in the near future, but these will meet increased anti-submarine measures.

RHEUMATISM

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I'M NOT SO SURE...
I'VE BEEN UP FOR AIR A DOZEN TIMES.. IF I DON'T FIND A GUN SOON, WADE IS-- --- THERE'S ONE!
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